

SEPAG Support Hour Recap

Wednesday, September 9th, 2026, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Thanks to everyone who joined us this week! We had a great group and covered a lot of useful ground. For anyone who couldn't make it, here are a few highlights:

Connecting with Other SEPAGs

There was a lot of interest in connecting with other SEPAGs across New Jersey. We talked about the NJ SEPAG Collaborative Facebook group, and we also floated the idea of creating a BRIDGE SEPAG Google Group for questions, resource-sharing, and networking between sessions.

Official SEPAG Group: NJ SEPAG Collaborative on Facebook (run by volunteers) — [face-book.com/share/g/1HkYLhbbzJ/](https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1HkYLhbbzJ/)

Getting Started & Growing Your SEPAG

We discussed ways to build or revitalize a SEPAG, increase participation, and communicate with district staff:

Attendees shared practical and creative ideas for reaching families and strengthening communication, including having a SEPAG table at Back-to-School Night, partnering with special education teachers to distribute flyers, and creating a simple district “chain of command” so families know who to contact. The conversation also explored new ways to connect with families, such as a monthly podcast and community videos, with Hazlet SEPAG’s videos shared as one example. These ideas sparked further discussion about different ways SEPAGs can increase their visibility and engage families.

Resources shared:

- SEPAG Parent Leader Starter Kit: cesp.rutgers.edu/bridge-resources/sepag-parent-starter-kit/
- Parent SEPAG Leadership: Where to Start (Guide): [Developing-Your-SEPAG-Where-to-Start-V5-EN.pdf](#)
- SEPAG Parent Leader Roadmap (Guide): [SEPAG-Parent-Leader-Roadmap-EN.pdf](#)

General Resources Shared

- **The Connected Parent:** a site that provides reviews for businesses offering services related to neurodiverse individuals — theconnectedparent.net
- **Special Needs Resource Fair:** join the Friends of the Hazlet Library and the Hazlet Police Department on Saturday, October 17, 2026, for a free community event connecting families of individuals with special needs to local resources — hazletwp.org

Join Us Next Time!

Drop-In Support is open to parent and district SEPAG leaders, as well as anyone interested in getting involved with their SEPAG. We'll continue meeting on Wednesdays at 1:00pm throughout September. We're also planning evening sessions for October to make Support more accessible — more details to come!

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No registration is required. To join, visit: go.rutgers.edu/fall2026supports

See you next week!

The RU-BRIDGE Team