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Free Webinar Helps Parents and Educators Navigate the 2025-26 School Season

Denver, CO — Disability Law Colorado will host a live, free, one-hour webinar on Thursday, Sept. 11, to help families, educators, and advocates prepare for the 2025–26 school year. The virtual event, *Back to School: What to Know in 2025–26*, will take place from 7-8 p.m. MDT and is open to the public with registration required.

The session will highlight new federal and state developments impacting students with disabilities, including program cuts, budget impacts, and recent legislation. Presenters **Sara Pielsticker**, Disability Rights Attorney, and **Emily Harvey**, Co-Legal Director, will also share strategies for parents to advocate effectively under current laws, prepare for IEP and 504 meetings, and anticipate priorities for the 2026 legislative session.

“Families are facing significant changes this school year, from funding shifts to lack of enforcement options,” said **Emily Harvey**. “We want to make sure families feel prepared and supported as they navigate these challenges.”

“Our goal is to equip parents and educators with practical tools to advocate effectively and protect students’ rights,” added **Sara Pielsticker**.

Participants may submit questions in advance to dlcmail@disabilitylawco.org for a live Q&A portion. The webinar will feature live captioning, Spanish-language interpretation, and American Sign Language (ASL). A recording will be made available to all registrants and shared on Disability Law Colorado’s YouTube channel.

Special thanks to **The Arc Arapahoe, Douglas & Elbert Counties**, Champion Partner for this event.

Registration is free and available now through Eventbrite: [Register Here](#).

Contact Communications Manager **Felix Ortiz** to schedule an interview with Sara Pielsticker or Emily Harvey.

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