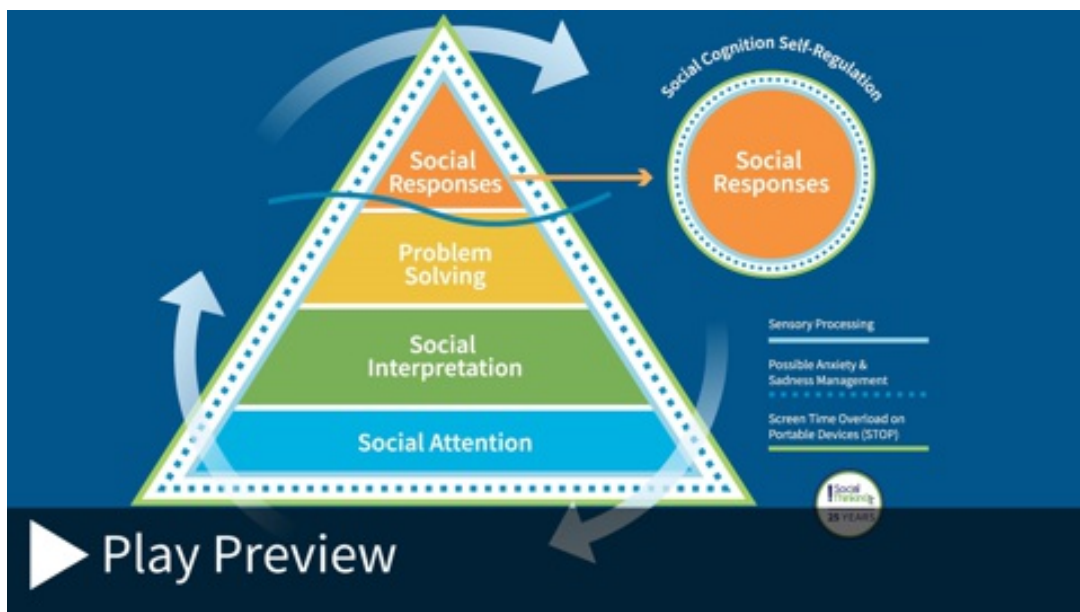




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## Free Social Thinking Webinar



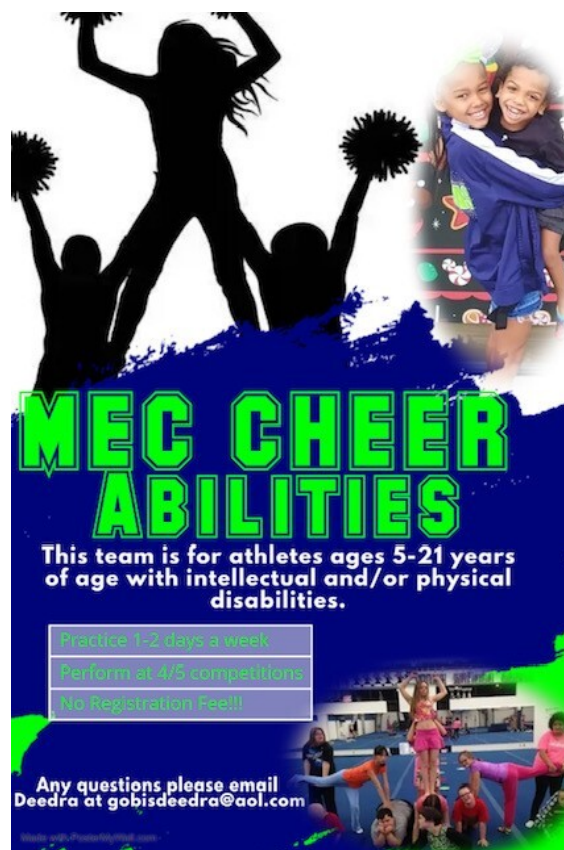
Don't miss this free webinar with Michelle Garcia Winner, founder and CEO of Social Thinking, to explore the Social Competency Model (SCM) - the foundational framework when using the Social Thinking® Methodology. It provides the backdrop for every one of our teaching & learning resources.

Michelle teaches how to use the SCM to streamline the complicated social world into a progressive, cyclical 4-step pathway for observing, interpreting, and making decisions for how to respond to all the dynamic social information surging around us in our homes, schools, workplaces,

and communities. These critical four steps form the basis for understanding how the social world works to help us each work better in the social world.

Watch the free webinar

## Join the CheerAbilities Cheer Team

A promotional poster for the MEC CheerAbilities team. The top half features a black silhouette of a cheerleader in a dynamic pose, holding pom-poms, set against a white background. To the right, a circular inset shows two young girls smiling and hugging. The bottom half of the poster has a dark blue background with the text 'MEC CHEER ABILITIES' in large, bold, green letters. Below this, it states 'This team is for athletes ages 5-21 years of age with intellectual and/or physical disabilities.' A white box contains three bullet points: 'Practice 1-2 days a week', 'Perform at 4/5 competitions', and 'No Registration Fee!!!'. At the bottom, it says 'Any questions please email Deedra at gobisdeedra@aol.com' and includes a small photo of the team performing on a gymnasium floor. A small URL 'http://www.Prosperity.com' is visible in the bottom left corner.

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The Manchester East Cobras Youth Football and Spirit Association (Cobras; MEC) is a youth sports organization within the New Hampshire Youth Football and Spirit Conference (NHYFSC).

The Cobras are offering an Inspiration Cheer Division for the 2022 Season. The team will be officially named CheerAbilities and will be open to athletes ages 5 – 18 (as of July 31st, 2022). As the name suggests, the team will be comprised of athletes who have special needs that would

otherwise keep them from fully participating in a traditional cheer team.

The CheerAbilities team will practice once to twice a week and participate in 4 local (NH) competitions as an exhibition team. The goal of the offering this team is to be an inclusive youth sports organization that offers athletes with all abilities the opportunity to learn and grow in the sport of Cheer.

For more information, email Deedra Gobis at [gobisdeedra@aol.com](mailto:gobisdeedra@aol.com) or Aisha Weaver at [aisha.weaver41515@gmail.com](mailto:aisha.weaver41515@gmail.com).



PIC has moved its Volunteer Advocate (VA) Training Program to the remote learning world! This free training program is designed for parents and others who want to gain the knowledge and skills to support other parents of children with disabilities in the special education process, while at the same time, enhancing their own advocacy skills.

The VA Training Program is an 8 week series that is offered at least once a year. Live class is held via Zoom one evening a week for two hours. In between classes, participants are expected to watch on-line modules, review written material and other tasks to prepare for in-class discussions and activities. Please see below for the series schedule, dates and times. Since the program can only accommodate a limited number of participants, an application is required and acceptance is not guaranteed.

### **Spring 2022 Series**

Tuesday Evenings - April 12-May 31, 2022  
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

[Learn more and apply here](#)

## Legislative Updates



### **House Education Committee voted 18-0 on HB1141**

The House Education Committee voted 18-0 on HB1141, where an amendment was presented to change the bill from “relative to special education services for children in chartered schools” to “an act relative to special education process for individualized education programs”. What this proposed amendment would have done is change key protections that New Hampshire has to the minimum provided by IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act). All states and US territories must provide minimum protections and services but a state can choose to do more.

The proposal is being sent for further study and will not become law in 2022.



## Demystifying the Legislative Process

Carrie Duran, Legislative Liaison for Lakes Region Community Services, and Karen Blake, Director of Public Policy and Advocacy Community Support Network, Inc., wanted to let you know that their first video in their 2022 **Demystifying the Legislative Process** series is available on YouTube.

You can see the video through the link below and learn about how the legislative process in New Hampshire works.

[Watch the video](#)



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