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State-wide Professional Directory Listing

SPaN advocates, educational consultants and other professionals are available to work with families, schools, and individuals. Areas of expertise and fees will vary since they are determined by individual advocates, and are not regulated by SPaN. Potential clients are encouraged to make thoughtful, informed decisions based on their own needs. The Special Needs Advocacy Network is not responsible for the performance of individual advocates or service providers.

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I work collaboratively with families & students with emotional & learning disabilities, school anxiety/phobia, ADHD, Autism Spectrum, and trauma cases. My training is from the Federation for Children with Special Needs, Wrightslaw, 30 years as a teacher in Grades K-8, and as a Sped Surrogate Parent. I will attend Team meetings, interpret test scores, write letters, organize records, conduct classroom observations, & coordinate the appropriate IEPS & placement using the regulations. I have experience in the BSEA process. I enjoy creating a positive outcome for students and families.
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I provide special education advocacy for families with children on the Autism Spectrum. I am ISEA, FCSN, SEAT and Wrightslaw trained and a former SPaN board member with 14+ years of experience. My mission is to help families work successfully with school districts to develop and successfully implement comprehensive, individualized educational programs for students with ASD through effective collaboration by families and educators. For more information about my services please visit my website: www.autismspectrumadvocacy.com.

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Dr. Bonanno has worked in education at the various levels for more than a dozen years, including roles as a special education teacher and special education administrator. She transitioned to higher education as the Director of the Special Education and English as a Second Language Graduate Programs. She has co-authored several books related to the unique needs of students with disabilities and effective instructional programs and practices. She is an Educational Surrogate Parent for the Massachusetts Federation of Children with Special Needs. Dr. Bonanno can be reached at klbsot03@mac.com.
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Jessie discovered her passion for advocacy working as a special educator. Tasked with supporting a wide variety of ability levels in an inclusive middle school program, she understands the foundations of education and empowerment that are necessary for educational teams to work collaboratively. Jessie has a M.S. Ed. in Literacy Education and a B.S. in Special and Elementary Education. Jessie specializes in SLD including dyslexia, ADD/ADHD, Executive Function, and behavior and health impairments. Jessie is also a statewide trainer for the Federation for Children with Special Needs.

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I represent students and their parents before the BSEA, in school discipline matters, Section 504 accommodations, and contract disputes involving private schools; I work in collaboration with child advocates whenever possible. I represent students, faculty and administrators in higher education in disputes over reasonable accommodations and wrongful dismissals. I am also active in the Juvenile Court and the Probate Court. I am co-Chair of the Middlesex County Committee of the Women's Bar Association, and a member of the Juvenile and Child Welfare Law Section.

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I am trained by the Federation for Children with Special Needs, serve on the SPaN Board of Directors, and serve as a special education surrogate parent for children in state custody. I have helped create IEP and 504 plans for children with ASD (high- and low-functioning), PTSD, complex trauma, ADHD, NVLD, learning disabilities, behavioral issues, and medical needs. When appropriate, I have secured out-of-district 45-day assessments and placements to ensure the child's progress. I focus on the child's best interests and strive to leave the parent-school relationship in good shape.

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I have 20 years of experience as a special educator and ten years as an advocate. I specialize in language-based learning disabilities, reading disorders, ADHD, NVLD, ASD, and social skills. I use a collaborative TEAM approach designed to empower families. I am available for consultations, IEP, and educational testing review, team meetings, observations, and home assessments. I am a certified special education teacher, a licensed Speech Therapy Assistant, Wilson trained and LindamoodBell certified.

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Christine Riley & Tina Qvarnstrom are experienced advocates providing education consultation & advocacy for children of all ages & disabilities. Christine is a former board member of SPaN, FCSN, ISEA, SEAT & Wrightslaw trained as well as a certified mediator. Tina is FCSN and SEAT trained with extensive experience with adoption issues impacting education and autism. We are up to date and continue to monitor the impact of COVID 19 on special education services. We invite you to visit www.capecodadvocate.com or call 508/428-2288 for more information about us & the services provided.
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Over ten years experience as a Special Education teacher and administrator in both public and private school settings. Specialize in (but not limited) to Specific Learning Disabilities, Language-based Learning Disabilities, ADHD, and Executive Dysfunction. Masters in Special Education; FCSN and Wrightslaw trained. Educate and empower clients through each step of the special education process including eligibility, referrals, IEP creation and maintenance, evaluations/testing, and progress towards goals.

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Special education advocacy and representation at school meetings and mediation regarding 504 and IEP process. This includes all aspects of the special education process including interpreting evaluations, determining eligibility, developing IEP's and building a case for out of district placements. Over 18 years experience with a specialty focus on Language-Based LDs (dyslexia), Autism/PDD-NOS, NLD, ADHD, PTSD, Trauma and Anxiety Disorders. FCSN and Wrightslaw trained. Have extensive knowledge of federal and Mass state laws and regulations governing Special Education.
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Some families, like my own, experience the challenges of parenting a child with special needs. I have learned firsthand how to build a “team” with schools, educators, and other service providers. Partnerships are powerful. When parents, practitioners, researchers, and educators form partnerships within communities, it promotes personal choice, self-determination, and the social, educational, and economic welfare of all children (especially those with challenges) as they transition into adulthood. Believe in working collaboratively to build relationships. Experience with ADR, Mediation. J.D.

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I am a Special Education Advocate and Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) with over 13 years of experience in Special Education in both public and private settings. I have worked with clients and families with a wide range of disabilities/areas of need. My focus is to help guide and support parents and families through the process so that they are eventually able to feel confident advocating for their child. I am trained through the NSEAI training program and Wrights Law training program. I am available for team meetings to help interpret and review evaluations, and IEPs/504 plans.

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Our approach is to provide parents an understanding of the special education process and provide support so that you can be a part of the team where you feel your voice is heard and valued. My clients today include children from ages 5-22, with challenges including ASD, OCD, trauma, emotional disabilities, ADHD, executive function issues, specific learning disabilities, communication impairments, Tourette's syndrome and behavioral issues. Affordable rates, sliding-scale, call for details.
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Advocacy Associates of Massachusetts provides special education advocacy support and educational consulting services for families who have students in the public school system. As non-lawyer advocates we work directly with students and families to support the disability related needs of the student within the IEP or 504 process. Angela Ferreira is a non-lawyer advocate who brings many years of personal and professional experience to your IEP team. Angela is uniquely qualified due to her involvement in special education advocacy for more than 20 years. Contact us today.

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I have over 30 years experience as a Special Education Consultant & Advocate and have the skills & experience to strategically work with and advise parents. It is deeply satisfying to me to partner with parents as we advocate for their children's unique learning needs. I welcome parents who have children with mild to severe learning needs as a result of Learning Disabilities, Emotional Disorders, Autism or other Developmental Disabilities.
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Master's level speech-language pathologist with 30+ years’ experience as an advocate/consultant for students with diverse special education needs of all ages. Experience with multiple school systems, private day schools, and BPS. I can review and interpret clinical evaluations and help develop I.E.P./504 plans. I am available for observations and evaluation of current and proposed classroom/school placements, team meetings, transition, BSEA mediation, and hearing. I am ASHA certified and trained through the Federation for Children's Special Needs PTIC program and Wrights Law.

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Please note I am currently not taking clients. Thank you! I am an advocate with the perspective of a teacher and school administrator who has worked with special needs children, their parents, teachers, and support teams in a variety of settings and at all grade levels. I am able to understand students' needs and to facilitate collaboration with school staff and administration to seek appropriate, and sometimes out-of-the-box approaches to meeting those needs. Additionally, my background includes legal training and experience as the parent of two exceptional children.

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Kotin, Crabtree & Strong, LLP grew from its founders’ work as professional staff for the Massachusetts Governor’s office and Legislature, drafting Chapter 766 (M.G.L. c. 71B) in 1972. This initiative created comprehensive rights and protections for students with disabilities and served as the model for the federal special education law now known as IDEA. Since its founding in 1981, KC&S has represented thousands of families throughout the state in all aspects of special education matters.

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What do we do? Duffy and Associates Advocates Inc. provides superior service to the parents of children with challenges. We may be hired by a parent or guardian but we believe we work for the child. Our mission is to help children with challenges reach their greatest potential. An advocate works with the parents, the school, and any other needed outside sources to provide the best possible opportunities for our precious clients. By taking a holistic, beyond the classroom approach we believe each child can reach their greatest potential. It takes a village to help a child reach beyond the effec
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I enjoy my role as a professional Educational Advocate. My training consists of an array of workshops with experts in related fields including; COPAA, Fundamentals/Suffolk Law School, Wrightslaw, and recently Youth Mental Health First Aid. I have previously served as the SPaN Membership Secretary & V.P. of Programming. Services include: IEP/504 development; Care Plan Meetings; Mediation; PQA; Hearing Prep; Consultation/case review; supported documentation and more. The Student's needs come first, collaborating to affect positive outcomes. Thank you for your consideration!

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