Special Needs Advocacy Network, Inc.

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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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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories
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Attorney Allexenberg has dedicated her practice to helping struggling children and their parents or guardians who are struggling alongside their children. She comes to the table with a different perspective having worked with children with varied disabilities. Her strengths and passions led her to special ed law. She arms parents and guardians with knowledge of their legal rights. She provides tips to advocate effectively for yourself. She guides Teams to recognize the unique needs of the students and how to work creatively and collaboratively toward developing IEPs. She wants what you want.

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories
Available in these Regions: Boston, Northeast

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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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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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories  
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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.
Cape Cod Advocate

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories
Available in these Regions: Cape and the Islands, Southeast

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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Available in these Regions: Northeast

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 cases for out of district placements. 20+ 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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Available in these Regions: Boston, Metrowest, Boston

Masters Special Education, Educational consultant/advocacy, FCSN and Wrightslaw trained. Assisting families of children with disabilities and learning differences + 17 years experience. My goal is to make the special education process as comprehensive as possible and to help families through all aspects including eligibility, IEPs, 504, testing/evaluations and family support. I give a free initial consultation to potentials clients. I work for families to eliminate the stress that surrounds the special education process. I work in a collaborative fashion to maintain child focused meetings.

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20+ years child-centered, results-focused, collaborative Advocacy, Consulting and Training. William & Mary Law School's ISEA, Suffolk Law program, COPAA SEAT, Federation of Children with Special Needs (FCSN) & Wrightslaw trained; COPAA SEAT Instructor, FCSN Trainer. Past chair and current Parent and SPaN representative to Massachusetts Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP). SpedEx Advisory Committee Member. Founder SPaN School Fair and Same Side of the Table programs.
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Disability Focus: Communication, Specific Learning Disability, Health, Neurological, Developmental Delay

Available in these Regions: Northeast, Boston, Metrowest, Cape and the Islands

I have been a special education administrator for many years and I am well versed in special education law and the IEP team process. I have advocated on behalf of many families on the North Shore area. It would be my honor to support your family. References provided upon request.
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Disability Focus: Autism, Emotional, Health, Specific Learning Disability, Communication, Communication

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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, Tourettes syndrome and behavioral issues. Affordable rates, sliding-scale, call for details.

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories, Autism, Communication, Developmental Delay, Emotional, Health, Intellectual, Neurological, Physical, Sensory(Hearing/Vision), Specific Learning Disability

Available in these Regions: Southeast, Central, Boston, Metrowest, Northeast, West

Advocacy Associates of Massachusetts provides special education advocacy support 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. Currently serving on SPaN Board of Directors.
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Disability Focus: Autism, Developmental Delay, Emotional, Specific Learning Disability, Intellectual
Available in these Regions: Metrowest

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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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories
Available in these Regions: Metrowest, Northeast, Central, Southeast, Boston

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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Disability Focus: Autism, Developmental Delay, Emotional, Health, Intellectual, Neurological, Specific Learning Disability, All Disability Categories
Available in these Regions: Metrowest, Southeast

I first create a student profile based on the findings of all relevant evaluations. I then work with parents, educators, administrators, providers, and district legal counsel to develop evidence-based and trauma-informed IEPs/504 Plans to address the social, emotional, behavioral and academic needs of the student. Experience with: writing 504 Plans/IEPs, team meetings, mediation, providing professional development trainings and evaluations, and consulting to public (Mansfield & Milton Public Schools), private, and residential therapeutic programs, as well as colleges and universities.

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Professional law office providing legal services to parents and children in matters regarding the educational access, accommodations, services and placement due to students experiencing disabilities. Over 25 years of experience providing counseling, consultation, advocacy and litigation.
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Attorney (former Prosecutor) and Advocate. FCSN and SESPP trained. Dedicated to offering families advocacy and legal support in Special Education matters from 504/IEP eligibility to Out of District Placements. This includes the entire Team process and any disputes that may arise. Handling all discipline matters- suspension/expulsion, manifestation determination hearings, and Juvenile Court Delinquency cases. Litigating before the Bureau of Special Education Appeals, federal and state court.

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Exceptional Children Special Education Advocacy will support and advocate for you and your child while strengthening your relationship with the school system. I can assist you in requesting an initial evaluation, during the IEP/504 plan process, or through dispute resolution with the school district.
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Susan is a certified special educator with over 20 years experience teaching in public and private special education schools. She has been in practice as a consultant and advocate for 13 years. Susan has taught and advocated for children with a range of challenges including Learning Disabilities, Behavioral Health, Autism, ADHD, Intellectual, neurological and Health Impairments. Susan offers a range of services including advocacy, consultation, transition planning and observations. Susan has accompanied her clients to hundreds of meetings in over 50 districts across Massachusetts.

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Eileen Hagerty is a partner at Kotin, Crabtree & Strong, LLP. She represents parents and students throughout the state regarding a wide variety of special education issues, including the Team process (evaluations, eligibility determinations, IEP development, placement disputes); discipline matters; and litigation before the Bureau of Special Education Appeals and in federal and state court.
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Disability Focus: Communication, Developmental Delay, Health, Intellectual, Neurological, Physical
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Over 30 years working with children/young adults with significant disabilities and their parents/families. Specific areas of expertise include: physical disability, special health care needs, chronic illness, intellectual disability, communication challenges, technology, transition to post-21.

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Disability Focus: Autism, Developmental Delay, Intellectual, Neurological, Physical, Health
Available in these Regions: Central, Northeast

I have 35 plus years of experience as a special needs teacher in a public school district, as well as 6 plus years as a parent consultant/child advocate, working with all disability categories, from ages 3-22 years. I have extensive experience in all aspects of special education including IEP meetings; testing; classroom observations; writing reports; reading reports; writing IEPs; chairing Team meetings; working as part of a team to reach a resolution; as well as implementing the IEP in various classroom settings. Master Degree in Special Education and FCSN trained.
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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories
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Disability Focus: Health, Autism, Emotional, Specific Learning Disability

Available in these Regions: Boston, Metrowest, Southeast

I am a FCSN trained, Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW), who provides representation and consultation throughout the special education process. As a social worker, I have a specific interest in helping students on the PDD spectrum as well as students with ADHD and behavioral/ emotional learning disabilities. In addition, I facilitate dad's support groups and lead Advocacy workshops for parents and the professionals who support them.

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An FCSN trained advocate, w/15 years as a Teacher of Moderate Disabilities, and International Dyslexia Assoc Certification- Parents: Best Practices communication, spot-on IEPs, data-driven goals, and a sliding scale. Challenges of past and current clients: Specific Learning (SLDs/ Dyslexia), Health-ADHD, Communication, Intellectual, Spectrum, Social/Emotional Professionals: *Because of my interest in serving fellow advocates, I offer Academic Observation Services w/ Licensures in Moderate Disabilities, HS English, Biology; MTEL Qualified in K-6 General Curriculum, and Reading Specialis
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“Working with Marcy has been a game-changer.... Marcy is knowledgeable and empathetic but most importantly she knows how to advocate for children while keeping a productive relationship with school administration. More than once, we’ve received unsolicited feedback from special education teams that Marcy’s approach is respectful and constructive....in many situations Marcy has successfully negotiated far more services and supports for our child than the school was originally prepared to give. I recommend working with Marcy with no qualifications or disclaimers. She’s a true asset.”

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Joi is a professional student advocate/parent consultant, helping families and their children with special needs obtain the services and individualized instruction necessary for them to make effective progress in school. She has over 15 years experience, understands laws and regulations that pertain to education. She ensures parents are able to make confident, informed decisions and their voices are heard by the team. Joi has knowledge in areas of Autism, language based disabilities, NVLD, Dyslexia, ADHD, Executive functioning, intellectual disability, down syndrome, Sensory Processing etc.
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The Vested Advocates team provides non-legal, professional educational advocacy to parents, guardians, and students. Our experienced advocates help our families navigate the special education processes and offer consulting in a variety of areas and specializations, including: » IEP & 504 Plans » Documentation Review » Effective Resolution » Non-Legal Representation » Autism Advocacy » Dyslexia » Dysgraphia » Learning Disabilities » School Phobia & Anxiety » ADD & ADHD » Specific Learning Disabilities » Executive Functioning

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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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I provide representation and advocacy for parents of children with special needs in navigating the public education system. I help parents understand the laws and regulations that govern the process and shape access to their rights and the rights of their children to a free and appropriate public education. My goal is to promote a collaborative working relationship between families and schools, so that the needs of each child are met and that every child makes progress toward living a productive adult life. FCSN trained; ISEA 2018. Admitted to Massachusetts Bar and U.S. District Court, MA.
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Twenty plus years of experience as a professional advocate. This includes 10 years as the Autism Project Advocate on staff at MassAdvocates for Children where I provided direct advocacy and technical assistance to families throughout the Commonwealth. Additionally, five+ years as Plymouth County Teen Programs Coordinator for AANE gave me a deep functional understanding of effective transition programming for students. Advocate with families to assist them to obtain timely evaluations to assist in the development of appropriate individual education plans for their children. Work with famili

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Dolores provides advocacy services from early intervention through transition services. She represents students in all areas of disabilities. She navigates the process of eligibility determination, 504’s, IEP’s, independent evaluations, placement disputes and mediation. She has experience in school discipline, school refusal and CRA’s. She also works with hospitals, DCF, DMH and private providers to ensure the best outcomes. Her areas of interest are families of adoption, children with trauma or emotional and behavioral issues. She has received training from FCSN, Wrightslaw, COPAA and JRI.
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Servicing clients across Massachusetts, Advocate Tip of the Day, provides coaching or mentoring, education, and support to parents and professionals. Parents can utilize as little, or as much, support as they require without a long term commitment or high up front costs. The goal is to enable you to have the tools and knowledge you required to become your child's best advocate. Yes - my aim is to work myself out of a job! Please visit www.AdvocateTipofTheDay.com to learn more about my credentials, pricing, and testimonials or follow my Facebook page to get a flavor of my skills and knowledge.

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PPAL is a statewide, family run organization dedicated to improving the well-being of children, youth, young adults and their families through education, advocacy and partnership. We work with both parents and professionals to do information/referral, trainings, support groups, and teach skills to navigate the maze. Our program expertise is in: co-occurring, juvenile justice, research, training, youth work, advocacy, multi-cultural outreach, transition age youth and family support.

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I am an Advocate, Consultant, and Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) with close to 25 years of experience in the special education field and 18 years of experience as a BCBA. I work closely with families to support them through every step of the special education process. I believe you are the expert on your child and know your child best. By combining my clinical expertise and knowledge of special ed. law with your expertise on your child, we work together with the rest of your child's team to create a strategy and plan specifically tailored to your child’s unique needs.
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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. Services include: IEP/504 development; Care Plan Meetings; Mediation; PRS; 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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