Special Needs Advocacy Network, Inc.

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Boston Area Professional Directory Listing

Counties: Suffolk and Norfolk

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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Attorney Boscarine practiced for years at a large global law firm as a corporate litigator, where she focused on state and federal trial and appellate litigation. She made a career shift after her older child was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, moving from corporate litigation to working for families. She has two children on IEPs, one who attends a specialized out-of-district placement for children on the autism spectrum and one who attends an inclusion program. She has been selected to the Super Lawyer New England Rising Star list for her work in School and Education Law.

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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.
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.

Masters Special Education, Educational consultant/advocacy, FCSN and Wrightslaw trained. Specialize in (but not limited to) Autism Spectrum Disorders, + 15 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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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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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

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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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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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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 dads support groups. and lead Advocacy workshops for parents and the professionals who support them.

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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 am an Advocate, Educational Consultant, Wife and Mom of three boys with Special Needs. I have over 20 years of experience in the field of Special Education. I advocate for children with an age range 2-22 and those diagnosed with a Learning Disability, Autism Spectrum, All Behavior Disorders, ADD/ADHD, and Chromosome Disorder/Down Syndrome. As an Advocate and Consultant, I work with families from start to finish of the IEP process. I help families navigate the many service providers involved and coordinate communication to all members of the IEP Team for the best possible outcomes.
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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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I am a mother of two significantly disabled adult children with intellectual, impairment and emotional disabilities. I have previously worked in a urban public school district for 17 years as an administrator and am certified as a School Business Administrator. I have two Masters Degrees: One in Public Administration and another in Education. I volunteer as a Special Education Surrogate Parent working with disabled children in the MA foster care system. I also sit on the Citizen Advisory Board of Middlesex County and the Northeast Citizen Advisory Board. We work collaboratively with the MA Dep
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I Specialize in Dyslexia/Language based- & the array of ancillary challenges with - Anxiety, Social/Emotional, ADHD, Ex-Function, Processing, as well as Hearing, Visual, and all disabilities. I Obtain Effective IIEs, Analyze Documents & Expert Reports, Records, secure the required placement and services your child requires to reach their educational potential. TEAM meetings & BSEA Hearings. Master’s degree in Management/Negotiations. My continuing education: FCSN, Wrightslaw intensive Law & Strategy, Landmark School, Carroll School, Suffolk Law School, COPAA, SPaN. Text: 617-721-0648 (MA & RI)
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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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A professional advocate and consultant with 30 years of experience in the field of special needs. Lisa has two successful adult children with learning disabilities. Lisa had the unique opportunity to serve as a court appointed educational advocate to the Boston Public Schools for 7 years. She has extensive training in the field of mental health and autism spectrum disorders. Lisa is certified in Instrumental Enrichment, a program designed to remediate Executive Function deficits. Lisa has graduate level training in education counseling.

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Carol Silva came to the world of Special Education after years of navigating the process for her son. She has trained with the Federation for Children with Special Needs and ISEA at William and Mary Law School. Additionally, she participates in several hours of professional development annually. A current presenter and past coordinator for the Federation for Children with Special Needs. She works privately with families supporting them through the special education process. Her successful advocacy for eligibility, services, placement, etc. has yielded her an over 95% success rate.

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With 6 years of experience as a Special Education Teacher, Level 1 Wilson Certification, and LIPS training, I am able to help you understand your child's IEP and instructional methods. I've also completed training via the Wrightslaw bootcamp. My goal is to empower you to find your voice as a member of your child's educational team in order to ensure that your child is receiving what he or she requires in order to have a Free Appropriate Public Education.

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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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I am a proud adoptive parent of two teens with complex special needs, as well as a professional educator and advocate with 20 years of experience. I hold a M.Ed in Reading, am a member of COPAA, and have completed the PCTI intensive program facilitated by the FCSN. As the founder of Family Voice Advocates, I am passionate and committed to ensuring that families’ needs and their perspectives are not just heard, but listened to.

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I am a highly organized and self-motivated special education advocate with knowledge of and interest in the IEP process and related state and federal regulations. I've successfully completed the Federation for Children with Special Needs Parent Consultant Training Institute and the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates SEAT 2.0 training. Using my experience, professional training and strong interpersonal skills, I have successfully advocated for and supported students with disabilities for over ten years.