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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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Advocating for Families in Bristol, Plymouth, Norfolk, and Barnstable Counties with compassion and knowledge to support and empower students to reach their highest potential during their school years.
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I'm a professional advocate invested in empowering families to understand the special education process and obtain the individualized instruction and services their child needs, while working collaboratively with schools. I'm a graduate of the Advocacy Program at William and Mary Law School, trained by COPAA (Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates) SEAT (Special Ed Advocacy Training) and FCSN. Experience advocating at Boston Medical Center EASE Clinic. DDS cases, autism, medically fragile, ADHD, 2E.
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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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With over 15 years of experience in education, Jillian has played many roles at the Team meeting table from Chairperson to parent. As a speech-language pathologist, Jillian recognizes the importance of good communication and strives to support families, as well as school districts, in order to ensure the best possible educational environment for each learner.
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