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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 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 IEEs, 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.  

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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 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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