Special Needs Advocacy Network, Inc.

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Northeast Professional Directory Listing

Counties: Middlesex, Essex

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

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

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

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### Disability Focus

- All Disability Categories

### Available Regions

- Metrowest, Northeast, Boston, Central, Southeast

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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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### Disability Focus

- All Disability Categories

### Available Regions

- Metrowest, Northeast, Central, Boston, Southeast

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25+ Years Experience representing families in special education matters. All disabilities represented. CAGS from Lesley Univ. in Autism Spectrum Disorders. Prior Curriculum Educator for Tourette Syndrome Assoc. Assist families in navigating the complexities of IEP development, as well as representing families at the BSEA for dispute resolution. Tenacious, insightful, strategic, and collaborative approach to helping families. Will conduct a case analysis for a flat fee, so that families may understand the options open to them on the path forward.
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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories
Available in these Regions: Boston, Southeast, Northeast, Central

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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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories, Autism, Specific Learning Disability, Communication, Neurological, Health
Available in these Regions: Metrowest, Northeast, Southeast, Central, Cape and the Islands
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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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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Available in these Regions: Northeast, Boston, Metrowest

I am a passionate special education advocate who works with parents to navigate the special education jungle. This includes eligibility determinations, understanding evaluations, IEP development and placements. Specialty areas include dyslexia, dysgraphia, ADHD, anxiety, trauma, autism and twice exceptional. I completed the Parent Consultant Training Institute at FCSN, COPAA's Seat 2.0 program and recently completed the paralegal certificate program at UMass Lowell. I work collaboratively and help to keep the parent-school relationship intact.

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

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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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories
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Alicia Parmentier is an associate 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: All Disability Categories
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I advise & advocate for parents & students in all aspects of the special education process including interpreting evaluations, determining eligibility, determining needed services, attending team meetings & mediations, developing IEP's, & building a case for Out of District Placements. I am a former special ed teacher, hold a Masters in Special Education from Lesley University & have been professionally advocating since 1998. My specialty focus is Language-Based LD (Dyslexia), ADHD & NVLD. I'm FCSN & WrightsLaw trained.
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Disability Focus: Autism, Communication, Emotional, Health, Intellectual, Neurological, Specific Learning Disability, Developmental Delay
Available in these Regions: Boston, Metrowest, Northeast, Southeast, West, Central

Bill Peever has over 15 years of experience in field of education and graduated Cum Laude from law school. Bill genuinely cares for his clients, understanding that at the end of the meeting these parents still must be able to look into the eyes of their child’s teacher at pick up or a teacher conference, to this end he always attempts to collaborate with the school prior to resorting to more aggressive tactics. This collaborative and non-adversarial approach to the process has garnered him the trust and respect of both his clients as well as the school districts that he has worked with.

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

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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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

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I am passionate about helping students with disabilities receive an equal education and all the supports and services that they need. I have been representing people with disabilities in special education and other disability rights matters since 1988. I provide legal services and consultation, including assistance in obtaining Independent Educational Evaluation so parents have the expert support needed, attending IEP meetings/504 meetings and manifestation meetings, and representing them in mediation, BSEA proceedings, and federal and state court proceedings. I also assist on ADA issues.
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Parents hire me to insure their child receives the best possible education under federal and state laws. Too often, students struggle academically, socially or emotionally. The result leaves parents frustrated and their children lost in the shuffle. As an advocate, I know the laws governing special education and work with parents, children and school officials to insure that their child receives the education that will meet their unique learning needs and that they are entitled.

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Special Education Advocacy & Consultation with 16+ years experience; Team meetings, IEP's, Mediations, ASD and Social/Emotional Specialties, Federation (FCSN) trained, Seasoned Advocate, Experienced Negotiator with excellent communication skills
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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

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I advocate for your child by evaluating their academic testing, school records, IEP, and provide direction within special education laws & regulations to secure your child's academic success. Available to assist in the special education process; guidance in identifying and advocating for evaluations in suspected disabilities areas, eligibility, placement, related services, modified instruction, classroom accommodations, compensatory services, ESY, writing goals/objectives, email review, goal writing, progress monitoring, etc. Services are customized depending on your unique situation.

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Lucie St. George is a Special Education Advocate for students as a Parent/Family Consultant, with FCSN and Wrightslaw trainings. Lucie has significant experience on all sides of the table as a former Special Education teacher, tutor, parent, former SEPAC President, and School Committee Chair. Her services include: attending IEP/504 meetings, helping de-mystify basic rights & the IEP process, reviewing IEPs, testing & other assessments, and strategizing on next steps. She passionately advises, educates and empowers families through a respectful, collaborative process.

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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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I have raised a son with autism and work hard to help parents secure appropriate programs and services, so they too may reach positive educational outcomes for their children. As a practicing Massachusetts advocate, I have been trained and certified through the Counsel of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA). I am a certified direct support professional (DSP) and worked as a family support navigator for Maine Parent Federation. For four years, I managed a community classroom under the direction of Dr. Raphael Castro of Integrated Center for Child Development (ICCD) in Newton, MA.

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Renée Toth helps parents and guardians through all facets of the special education process, including seeking diagnosis, finding support and services, and navigating the school IEP and 504 processes. Renée was appointed by the education commissioner and serves on the MA Special Education Advisory Panel, previously chaired her school district's SEPAC, served as a special education surrogate parent, and has two children. Renée trained with the College of William and Mary Law School's Institute for Special Education Advocacy, the Federation for Children With Special Needs, and COPAA.
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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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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 represent students who need additional assistance accessing a free appropriate public education (FAPE) throughout MA. I help families understand their rights under special education education laws, and offer behind-the-scenes advocacy as well as direct legal representation. I handle issues with special education eligibility determinations; development, implementation, and enforcement of IEPs and 504 accommodation plans; placement decisions, including out-of-district day and residential placements; transition planning; discipline; and school refusal. Sliding fee scale available for those in