Western Professional Directory Listing

Counties: Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire

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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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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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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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. 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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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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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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