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SPaN 2015 - 2016 Professional Directory

State-wide Listing

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. View SPaN Ethics and Standards of Practice



All SPaN Member are required to have met 12+ hours of continuing education training during the year ending July 31, 2015 to be included in this Professional Directory Listing.

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Last Updated: 10/22/2015

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Travel Miles: Up to 40 miles
Languages: English

Disability Focus: Specific Learning Disability

Available Regions: Boston, Central, Metrowest, Northeast, Southeast

Former teacher; specialty in ADHD & SLD. Strategies and services to support parents and improve outcomes. FCSN trained. Serving Boston suburbs and Metrowest, excluding Newton.

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Languages: English, Other

Disability Focus: Emotional

Available Regions: Northeast

I am a certified school psychologist with 25 years experience advocating for students in grades Pre-School through grade 12 within several excellent suburban systems. I specialize in helping children with emotional disabilities e.g.. Anxiety disorders, school phobia, complex trauma, depression and bi-polar problems. I can review neuropsychological testing and help develop IEPs and 504s. Initial phone consults are free and skype will be available shortly.

Autism Spectrum Advocacy

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Travel Miles: Up to 40 miles
Languages: English

Disability Focus: Autism

Available Regions: Boston, Central, Metrowest, Northeast, Southeast

Stephanie LeBlanc, Cheryl Temple, Debra Wasilauski, M. Ed. Using our unique group advocacy model, ASA offers comprehensive special educational advocacy services to children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. For more information and to contact us, please visit our website.

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Travel Miles: 50+ miles

Languages: English

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

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

Special Education Law - Advocacy and counseling through the special education process; BSEA representation.

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Travel Miles: 50+ miles

Languages: English

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

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

Ashley focuses on Special Education Law, Education Law, Disability Law, and Mental Health Law. She has extensive knowledge in student discipline, anti-bullying, and discrimination. Ashley attends IEP team meetings and provides legal representation and counseling throughout the entire special education process.

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Travel Miles: 50+ miles

Languages: English

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

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

Parent information/options, complex situations, IEP, 504. Test/Evaluation interpretation. High Risk behavior. All special education needs and ages. FCSN trained

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Travel Miles: Up to 40 miles

Languages: English

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

Available Regions: Metrowest, Northeast

Empowering parents through consultation and the facilitation of effective collaboration with special education professionals. FCSN trained.

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Travel Miles: Up to 40 miles

Languages: English

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories, Autism, Communication, Developmental Delay, Emotional, Health, Intellectual, Mental Health, Neurological, Physical, Sensory(Hearing/Vision), Specific Learning Disability

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

I represent students and their parents before the BSEA (and in leading up to BSEA involvement); I work in collaboration with child advocates whenever possible. 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, a member of the Juvenile and Child Welfare Law Section of the Massachusetts Bar Association, and a member of the Massachusetts Guardianship Association.

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories, Autism, Communication, Developmental Delay, Emotional, Health, Intellectual, Neurological, Physical, Sensory(Hearing/Vision), Specific Learning Disability

Available Regions: Boston, Central, Metrowest, Northeast, Southeast

I am trained in advocacy by the Federation for Children with Special Needs and serve as a Basic Rights presenter for the FCSN. I have helped create IEP and 504 plans for children with ASD (high- and low-functioning), PTSD, complex trauma, ADHD, learning disabilities, and medical needs. When appropriate, I have secured out-of-district 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.

Tara Campbell M. Ed. Advocate/Consultant

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Travel Miles: Up to 40 miles
Languages: English

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

Available Regions: Boston, Metrowest

I have 20 years of experience as a special educator. I specialize in language based learning disabilities, reading disorders, ADHD, NVLD, autism spectrum 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.

Tom Canel

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Travel Miles: Up to 40 miles

Languages: English

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories, Autism, Developmental Delay, Emotional

Available Regions: Boston, Central, Metrowest

I accept cases in all disability areas, but specialize in autism and emotional disabilities. I am highly skilled at negotiating and consensus building. I am experienced in IEP meetings and BSEA mediations. I have a Masters Degree in Special Education from Lesley University and extensive experience as a union representative.

Cape Cod Advocate

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Travel Miles: 50+ miles

Languages: English

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

Available Regions: Cape and the Islands, Southeast

Christine Riley & Tina Qvarstrom Experienced advocates providing educational consultation & advocacy for children of all ages & disabilities. Christine is a former board member of SPaN, FCSN, ISEA, SEAT & Wrightslaw trained as well as a certified mediator. Tina is FCSN trained with extensive experience with adoption issues impacting education and autism. We invite you to visit www.capecodadvocate.com for more information about us and the services provided.

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Travel Miles: 50+ miles

Languages: English

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories, Autism, Communication, Developmental Delay, Emotional, Health, Intellectual, Neurological, Physical, Sensory(Hearing/Vision), Specific Learning Disability

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

Providing special education advocacy and consulting services to families since 1990. FCSN trained. Experienced, knowledgeable, professional. We service all of Massachusetts. Consultation, TEAM Meetings, Mediations, Training.

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Travel Miles: Up to 40 miles

Languages: English

Disability Focus: Autism, Communication, Developmental Delay, Emotional, Health, Intellectual, Neurological, Physical, Specific Learning Disability

Available Regions: Northeast

Represent children with special needs by helping their parents navigate the special education process. Over 10 years experience specializing in language based LD's, Autism/PDD-NOS, NLD, ADHD, LD s and Anxiety Disorders. K-12 and Early Intervetion/turning 3. F CSN trained

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Travel Miles: Up to 40 miles

Languages: English, Spanish

Disability Focus: Autism, Communication, Developmental Delay, Emotional, Health, Neurological, Sensory(Hearing/Vision), Specific Learning Disability

Available Regions: Boston, Southeast

Hi! At Access to Advocacy we strive to assist families to learn to advocate for themselves and improve communication between families and their school districts with the goal to be: student to begin to or continue to receive appropriate education in which child can learn in order to make effective progress each day and achieve educational benefit meaningful to that individual student's needs and disabilities. Every child can learn!

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Travel Miles: Up to 40 miles

Languages: English

Disability Focus: Autism, Communication, Developmental Delay, Emotional, Health, Neurological

Available Regions: Boston, Metrowest, Northeast

High-quality, compassionate educational advocacy w/speciality in negotiation & mediation, since 2006. E.I. Training Ctr consultant & presenter. Highly skilled in Autism, Early Childhood/turning 3, Elementary & Middle School & Emotional Disabilities.

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Travel Miles: 50+ miles

Languages: English

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

Available Regions: West

29+ years experience in public schools(administration, counselor, teacher); Federation for Children with Special Needs & Wrightslaw trained; IEP & 504 meetings & processes; Observations; Consultation

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Languages: English, Spanish

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories, Autism, Communication, Developmental Delay, Emotional, Health, Intellectual, Mental Health, Mental Health, Neurological, Physical, Sensory(Hearing/Vision), Specific Learning Disability

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

Advocacy:all disabilities. Team meetings, Mediations, Pre-hearing Conferences. Consultations available. 35 years experience. Dispute resolution.

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories, All Disability Categories, Communication, Emotional, Health, Intellectual, Neurological, Physical, Sensory(Hearing/Vision), Specific Learning Disability

Available Regions: Boston, Metrowest, Northeast, Southeast

FCSN trained, 35 years experience; teacher, Special Educator, IEP Development, SPED team chairperson SPED evaluator. Specializing in: all LD's, Reading Disorders including dyslexia, ADHD, NVLD, autism spectrum, SID. Experienced in mediation. Low fees.

Jennie Dunkley

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Travel Miles: 50+ miles
Languages: English
SPaN Board: **Member-At-Large**

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

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

12+ years results-focused Advocacy & Consulting. SEAT, FCSN & Wrightslaw trained; FCSN Trainer. Chair Massachusetts SPED Advisory Council.

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Travel Miles: 50+ miles

Languages: English

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

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

DEDICATED TO PROVIDING ADVICE AND ADVOCACY IN EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION MATTERS
At Education Consulting, Advocacy & Legal Services, we are dedicated to helping you make sure your child receives the education and assistance he or she is entitled to.

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Travel Miles: 50+ miles

Languages: English

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

Available Regions: Central, Metrowest, Northeast, Southeast, West

I have 30 years experience as a special education consultant and advocate. I partner with parents in their quest for a meaningful education for their children with disabilities. My practice now includes mentoring for new and experienced advocates.

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Travel Miles: 50+ miles

Languages: English

SPaN Board: **Member-At-Large**

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

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

30+ yrs. Experience, Comprehensive Advocacy & Consultation, NE states, References on request.
Advocate Trainer and Coach. My experience includes advocating for children with disabilities in thirteen states. I have extensive knowledge of the federal laws and regulations in addition to the MA state laws and regulations governing Special Education.

Laura Gold

Special Education Attorney/Advocate

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Travel Miles: Up to 40 miles

Languages: English

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

Available Regions: Boston, Metrowest, Northeast

Attorney (former Prosecutor) and Advocate. FCSN and SESPP trained. Dedicated to offering families advocacy and legal support in Special Education matters from 504/IEP planning to Out of District Placements. Juvenile delinquency cases and hearings.

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Travel Miles: 50+ miles

Languages: English

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

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

Special education advocacy and legal representation at school meetings, mediation, and the BSEA regarding 504 and IEP process, discipline, bullying and more. The goal is to assist parents and guardians to procure appropriate educational services for their student. Past special education teacher and social worker. Sliding fee scale available. Please call our office.

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Travel Miles: 50+ miles

Languages: English

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories, Autism, Communication, Developmental Delay, Emotional, Health, Intellectual, Mental Health, Neurological, Physical, Sensory(Hearing/Vision), Specific Learning Disability

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

18+ years experience as an educational advocate/consultant, FCSN trained, M.Ed. Counseling Psychology, Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology, Post-doctoral fellowship specializing in neuropsychological evaluations. Experience with 500+ families in 100+ communities, work with a large number of learning needs and challenges, support collaborative relationships and child's unique potential. Impart skills and empower parents; administer and interpret evaluations; program observations and evaluations; experience in parent/educator trainings; mediations, BSEA representation.

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Mary Grimm - Advocacy

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Travel Miles: Up to 40 miles

Languages: English

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

Available Regions: Central, Metrowest, Northeast, West

Special Education consultant/Advocate, former SpEd teacher, Master level, 30+ years experience; ADHD, Dyslexia (LBDL), NVLD, Asperger's; FCSN * Wright's Law trained.

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Travel Miles: 50+ miles
Languages: English

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories, Autism, Communication, Developmental Delay, Emotional, Health, Neurological, Physical, Sensory(Hearing/Vision), Specific Learning Disability

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

Susan is a certified special educator with over 20 years experience teaching in public and private schools. Shas been in private practice as a consultant for 7 years. Susan has taught and advocated for children with a range of diagnoses including Learning Disabilities, Mental Health Disorders, Autism Spectrum Disorders, ADHD, Intellectual Impairments and other health conditions. Susan offers a range of services including advocacy, consultation, transition planning and observations.

Lynne Hanley

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Travel Miles: 50+ miles
Languages: English

Disability Focus: Autism, Developmental Delay, Health, Intellectual, Neurological, Physical

Available Regions: Central, Northeast

I have 37 years of experience as a special needs teacher in a public school district, working with all disability categories, from ages 3-22 years. I have many years of experience in all aspects of special education including IEP meetings; testing; 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. FCSN trained.

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories, Autism, Communication, Communication, Developmental Delay, Emotional, Health, Intellectual, Neurological, Physical, Sensory(Hearing/Vision), Specific Learning Disability

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

FCSN trained and 12 years as an advocate with 35 years experience in a public school as a classroom teacher, Speech and Language Therapist, Learning Disability Specialist and a Team Chairperson working with language based learning disabilities, intellectual/development impairments, ADHD, emotional and behavioral impairments, Autism, transition and bullying issues. IEP, 504, mediations, discipline, evaluation interpretations, observations, certified Speech and Language Path, Certified Wilson I

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Travel Miles: Up to 40 miles

Languages: English

Disability Focus: Health

Available Regions: Boston

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 for professionals who work with them.

Danielle Jarjura

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Travel Miles: Up to 40 miles

Languages: American Sign
Language/SEE, English

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Disability Focus: Autism, Communication, Developmental Delay, Intellectual, Neurological,
Sensory(Hearing/Vision), Specific Learning Disability

Available Regions: Boston, Metrowest, Northeast

Danielle Jarjura is the owner/founder of Children's Speech and Hearing Specialists, LLC. She has a Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology, is a certified Teacher of the Deaf and a Special Education Advocate. Danielle has 14 years of experience working in a variety of settings including: schools, early intervention and private practice.

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Travel Miles: Up to 40 miles

Languages: English

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories, Autism, Specific Learning Disability

Available Regions: Metrowest, Northeast

We both hold Masters Degrees in Special Education from Lesley University. Janice has over 25 years experience working as a special education teacher in the public schools. She is experienced in educational testing, writing reports, writing IEPs, and has attended hundreds of IEP meetings. Deborah has experience working with students with autism as well as students with learning disabilities. She is the parent of a child with dyslexia.

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories, Autism, Communication, Developmental Delay, Emotional, Health, Intellectual, Neurological, Physical, Specific Learning Disability

Available Regions: Boston, Metrowest, Northeast

I have 9 years of experience as a public school teacher. I earned both a Masters and Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Education. My advocacy training was at the FCSN and MFOFC. I am also Wrightslaw trained and a Basic Rights presenter for FCSN. My mission is to help parents to work collaboratively with the school district throughout the IEP/504 process. I help families when conflicts arise and next steps need to be taken. I am also available as an educational consultant.

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Languages: English

Disability Focus: Autism, Communication, Developmental Delay, Emotional, Intellectual, Neurological, Sensory(Hearing/Vision)

Available Regions: Boston, Central, Northeast, Southeast

Educ. Advocate & Parent with 15 years' experience. My mission is to empower parents in understanding the SPED process & in developing the most appropriate IEP/504 child centered educational plan. I use a professional and collaborative TEAM approach. I am available for consultations, team meetings, mediations, transition planning, observations & evaluations of current & proposed IEP/504 & placements. I have extensive knowledge with regard to many disabilities specializing in Autism/Asperger.Asperger.

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Travel Miles: 50+ miles

Languages: English

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

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Experienced Educator, Consultant and Advocate: ADHD, Autism, Bullying, Developmental Delay, Learning Disabilities, Mental Health, Etc...

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Travel Miles: Up to 40 miles

Languages: English

Disability Focus: Autism

Available Regions: Boston, Central, Metrowest, Northeast, Southeast

Stephanie LeBlanc, Cheryl Temple, Debra Wasilauski, M. Ed. Using our unique group advocacy model, ASA offers comprehensive special educational advocacy services to children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. For more information and to contact us, please visit our website.

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Languages:

Disability Focus:

Available Regions:

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Travel Miles: 50+ miles

Languages: English

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

Available Regions: Boston, Metrowest, Northeast, Southeast

Master's Level Special Education Advocate with over 20 years experience in education and advocacy. Professional, systematic approach to achieving results for your child. FCSN Advocate, MA DESE Surrogate. FCSN, Wrightslaw, Suffolk Law ALS, COPAA, SPAN. "Puedo apoyar a personas de habla Hispana, que esten aprendiendo el idioma de Ingles, con el proceso del IEP."

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Travel Miles: 50+ miles

Languages: English

SPaN Board: **1st Vice President**

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

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

Affordable rates, sliding-scale, call for details. Experience with behavior assessment/modification, out-of-district and residential placements. FCSN & Orton-Gillingham training. 25 years of experience, education, and training in presentation, negotiation and conflict resolution. Effective and collaborative communication with school districts, collateral agencies, and insurance companies. COPAA

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Disability Focus: Autism, Developmental Delay
Available Regions: Central, Metrowest

Parent Consultant & Advocate. Specialize in (but not limited to) Autism Spectrum Disorders. Services include: IEP review, TEAM meetings, observations, mediations. Training: Federation for Children with Special Needs Parent Consultant Training, Institute for Special Education Advocacy (William & Mary Law School), Wrightslaw Bootcamp, continuing education offered by SPaN.

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Disability Focus: Developmental Delay, Emotional, Health, Mental Health, Sensory(Hearing/Vision)

Available Regions: Central, Metrowest, Northeast

I am a FCSN trained Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker. I have extensive experience as a social worker, therapist and mediator for children and families with mental health, social/emotional, sensory/OT issues, ADHD and adoption/foster care concerns. I am also a trained and experienced mediator .I am able to provide advocacy and consultation to foster a collaborative team approach, helping parents negotiate the sped process while always focusing on the best interests of the child.

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Disability Focus: Communication, Sensory(Hearing/Vision), Specific Learning Disability

Available Regions: Boston, Cape and the Islands, Central, Northeast

Attorney with specialty in disability law and eight years experience in special education administration for Boston Public Schools. Specializing in hearing loss(Deaf/Hard of Hearing/CI) and communication disabilities. Also when paired with learning disability. Consultation by phone, email or text for initial intake free. Will consider pro-bono work for children from low income families. I am also hearing impaired from birth.

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

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

Special Education Consultant/Advocate, Former SpEd teacher, Master Level, 30+ yrs. experience ADHD, Dyslexia (LBDL), NVLD, Tourette's; FCSN & Wright'sLaw trained.

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

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

I previously served as the case law attorney for Massachusetts Advocates for Children (MAC), where I represented parents from across the state. I routinely represent and advise families on all aspects of special education disputes including the team process (evaluations, eligibility, IEP development, program and placement disputes), school discipline, mediation, unilateral and out-of-district placements, litigation at the Bureau of Special Education Appeals, and settlement negotiation.

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Languages: English

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

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

I offer technical support and direction for children and their families involved in special education in Massachusetts. Services include disability education, record review, advocacy for team meetings, letter writing assistance, research, referral to psychological and medical services, mediations, and assistance selecting legal counsel when necessary. I was trained at the Federation for Children with Special Needs and Massachusetts Advocates for Children. I service all disabilities with a particular focus on autism and mental health.

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Languages: English

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

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

Extensive experience representing parents through the entire special education process including BSEA representation and mediation.

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

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

As an attorney, I have been representing people with disabilities in special education and disability rights legal matters since 1988. I provide parents with technical support to enable them to advocate for their children. I assist parents in obtaining Independent Educational Evaluations. I attend IEP meetings/504 meetings/manifestation meetings. I also represent parents and students in mediation, BSEA proceedings, and federal and state court proceedings. I also assist on ADA issues.

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

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

Special Education Attorney. Provides legal representation in all special education matters, including team meetings, settlement conferences and BSEA hearings. Out-of-District Placements. School discipline, expulsions and manifestation hearings. Bullying and harassment cases. Experienced Juvenile Court representation.

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

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

We combine our 30 years of experience in special education and occupational therapy to provide advocacy services for children of all ages and help families navigate the special education system. We provide assistance with interpreting clinical and educational assessments, IEP and 504 accommodation plans, IEP goals and benchmarks, and placement plans. Our goal is to enable children and families to achieve a positive outcome through collaboration and negotiation with the child's school district.

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories, Autism

Available Regions: Boston, Central, Metrowest, Northeast, Southeast

Special Education Advocacy & Consultation; Team meetings, IEP's, ASD Specialty, FCSN trained, Experienced Negotiator

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories, Autism, Communication, Developmental Delay, Specific Learning Disability

Available Regions: Boston, Metrowest, Northeast, West

I am an educational consultant. I have taught in general education, special education and child development for the past 20 years. My area of expertise is that I understand how children learn & develop. I know how to differentiate instruction for ALL children. I bridge the relationship between the school and families during the special education process. I am skilled in evaluating students, interpreting assessments, establishing sensible priorities, and designing effective IEP's and 504 plans.

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

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

Special Education director, teacher, consultant. 35 years experience in all aspects of special education; all disabilities; behavior/curriculum assessment: IEP/Team meetings; FCSN trained.

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Disability Focus: Sensory(Hearing/Vision)

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Signing and/or Oral Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, Cochlear advocate, parent/professional resources and training for groups/individuals. FCSN/ WrightsLaw trained and advocating since 1995.

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Disability Focus: Autism

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Compassionate, collaborative advocacy for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders; former educator, FCSN & Wrightslaw trained

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories, Autism, Communication, Developmental Delay, Emotional, Health, Intellectual, Neurological, Physical, Sensory(Hearing/Vision)

Available Regions: Boston, Central, Metrowest, Northeast

Since 2005, I have worked with 100s families with children with disabilities to advocate for an appropriate education. My family-centered practice focuses on building collaborative teams (school and parents) that get win-win results. I use my training as an advocate (FCSN); as a state-certified mediator (Harvard Law School Mediation Program); and as a family coach (UNH) to help families navigate the complex education and service systems including securing out-district placements.

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Disability Focus: Autism, Emotional, Neurological, Specific Learning Disability

Available Regions: Cape and the Islands, Central, Southeast

Cynthia is a retired elementary school principal. Prior to her 8 years as principal she was a special needs teacher for 18 years. Cynthia has a B.S. in Elementary Education, M.Ed. in Special Education and a CAGS in Educational Leadership. In 2014 she began a private educational consulting agency working with families as an educational advocate. She has completed the FCSN training. Cynthia's specialties include working with social/emotional behaviors, ADHD and autism. She knows the process.

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories, Autism, Communication, Developmental Delay, Emotional, Health, Intellectual, Mental Health, Physical, Sensory(Hearing/Vision), Specific Learning Disability

Available Regions: Boston, Central, Metrowest, Metrowest, Northeast

Attorney Updegraph has more than 20 years of experience working with families of children with disabilities and has helped hundreds of families to identify and obtain the services and placements that they need. Her background include3has She works in greater Boston area focusing mostly north of Boston and has worked

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Previous Educator and Child Life specialist. Varied experience with preschool - elementary; PDD/Austim Spectrum, ADD/ADHD, Mental/Behavioural health, and Developmental Delays. FCSN trained.

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

Available Regions: Northeast

After working in the public schools for over 13 years as a speech-language pathologist, I began advocating for children with special needs. I bring a unique experience because of my background. I work collaboratively with schools and provide insight on how your child's educational needs can be met. I have extensive knowledge about communication disorders, learning disabilities, reading disorders, intellectual disabilities and medical diagnoses for all grade levels. FCNS trained, ASHA CEUs.

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

Available Regions: Boston, Metrowest, Northeast

20 plus years of experience in education, FCSN trained. Providing educational consultation and advocacy, EI/turning age 3 and grades K-12

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Disability Focus: Autism, Emotional, Health, Neurological, Specific Learning Disability

Available Regions: Boston, Metrowest, Northeast, Southeast

30+ years experience working with children and families. Provide special ed consulting, advocacy, and assessment. M. Ed., Special Ed. FCSN trained.

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