

IEP Meeting Help

Understanding Special Education

-Great Schools

Special education FAQ: Learn about the protections offered by special education law.

<http://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/special-education-faq/>

-Learn the difference between an IEP and a 504 plan

<https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/special-services/504-plan/the-difference-between-ieps-and-504-plans>

-Children's Law Center of Massachusetts, Special Education in Massachusetts

Helpful Guide to everything about Special Education.

http://clcm.org/2014/Special_Education_in_MA_Feb2013.pdf

Parent Advocates for IEP Meetings

The below sites provide information on different advocates and lawyers that can be hired to assist parents.

-Advocates for Special Education

http://advocatesforspecialeducation.com/find_massachusetts.html

-Massadvocates

They provide help for children who are facing barriers to receiving educational supports and services to which they are legally entitled.

(617) 357-8431 ext. 224

<http://massadvocates.org/specialeducation/resources/>

Resources for Children with Special Needs

This is a very useful page in finding contact information for all different types of services and support groups.

<http://www.yellowpagesforkids.com/help/ma.htm>

Resources for Parents

-MassFamily Ties

Family TIES of Massachusetts provides information and referral services, emotional support, and trainings to parents of children and youth with special needs

1-800-905-TIES (8437)

<http://www.massfamilyties.org/>

-Federation for Children with Special Needs

The Federation for Children with Special Needs provides information, support, and assistance to parents of children with disabilities, their professional partners, and their communities.

<http://fcsn.org/>

-Sped Child and Teen

A group founded to help parents.

<http://www.spedchildmass.com/>

-Special Education Parents Advisory Council

Lots of useful information on different groups and organizations in the area.

<http://www.nspac.org/support-groups-1>

-Support Groups for Parents & Families in the Boston Area

<http://bostonparentspaper.com/article/support-groups-for-parents-families-in-the-boston-area.html>