Special Needs Advocacy Network, Inc.

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

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

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

Autism Spectrum Advocacy provides special education advocacy for families with Children on the Autism Spectrum. Our mission is to help families work successfully with school districts to develop and successfully implement comprehensive, individualized educational programs for students with ASD through effective collaboration by families and educators. For more information about our services and learn more about our team members, please visit our website: www.autismspectrumadvocacy.com.
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Bob Badger is a special education lawyer and the father of a son with autism. His law practice focuses on helping families coordinate with experts, prepare for IEP meetings, secure placements, conduct due process hearings, and challenge disciplinary actions. He has appealed from due process hearings in federal district and appellate courts involving issues of parental participation, least restrictive environments, and stay put placements. Bob is a member of COPAA, and a Member-at-Large of SPaN's Board. He is a graduate of the Notre Dame Law School, and a resident of Lexington.

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories
Available in these Regions: Boston, Metrowest, Northeast

I am trained by the Federation for Children with Special Needs, serve on the SPaN Board of Directors, and serve as a special education surrogate parent for children in state custody. I have helped create IEP and 504 plans for children with ASD (high- and low-functioning), PTSD, complex trauma, ADHD, NVLD, learning disabilities, behavioral issues, and medical needs. When appropriate, I have secured out-of-district 45-day 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.

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories, All Disability Categories
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 a case for out of district placements. Over 16 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: All Disability Categories

Available in these Regions: Boston, Central, Northeast

Some families, like my own, experience the challenges of parenting a child with special needs. I have learned firsthand how to build a “team” with schools, educators, and other service providers. Partnerships are powerful. When parents, practitioners, researchers, and educators form partnerships within communities, it promotes personal choice, self-determination, and the social, educational, and economic welfare of all children (especially those with challenges) as they transition into adulthood. Believe in working collaboratively to build relationships. Experience with ADR, Mediation. J.D.

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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories

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Attorney Corrado operates a solo law practice. He represents parents and students throughout the state regarding various special education issues, including the IEP development process (evaluations, eligibility determinations, Team meetings, placement disputes); discipline matters; discrimination related to education and litigation before the Bureau of Special Education Appeals and in state court and federal court. Attorney is licensed in Massachusetts & New Hampshire.
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Disability Focus: All Disability Categories
Available in these Regions: Boston, Northeast

Ellen Marie Curran is licensed to practice law in MA. She is also a licensed Moderate Special Needs Teacher. Ellen assists families through all stages of the education advocacy process: initial evaluation, planning the 1st IEP meeting, IEP reviews, parent coaching, letter writing. etc. It is sometimes in the best interest of the student to allow Ellen to guide the family from the sidelines on how to work cooperatively with school personnel and navigate the system. When forceful/experienced advocacy is needed, Ellen will step in to represent the student directly in all school related matters.
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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 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, BSEA mediation and hearing. I am E.I. certified and trained through FCSN and Wrights Law.

Disability Focus: All Disability Categories
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Marty provides parents and students with legal representation and advice in a wide variety of special education issues. Represents children and families in Juvenile and Probate Court. Handles student discipline matters including suspension/expulsion, manifestation determination hearings, and delinquency cases. Attends mediation and litigates before the Bureau of Special Education Appeals. Helps secure Out of District Placements. Marty also specializes in assisting families with special needs children and adults in obtaining guardianship and conservatorships.
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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 private practice as a consultant and advocate for 9 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.
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Attorney Hahn represents clients in special education, student discipline, juvenile delinquency, Department of Children and Families (DCF), criminal, Child Requiring Assistance (CRA), and Harassment Prevention Order (HPO) matters.
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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, working with all disability categories, from ages 3-22 years. I have extensive 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 and FCSN trained.

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Constance M. Hilton specializes in the representation of children with disabilities and their families in special education cases and other school related matters. Connie is also available to serve as a guardian ad litem or family coordinator in probate court and juvenile court matters. Connie previously served as a hearing officer for the Bureau of Special Education Appeals (BSEA) and as Deputy General Counsel for the Office for Children (OFC) before entering private practice over twenty-five years ago.

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Melanie Jarboe 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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Available in these Regions: Boston, Northeast, Metrowest

The decision to retain a representative to assist your child and family in your efforts to get appropriate school placement and services is an important one. As your advocate, I can provide you with information about your parental rights in special education and assist you with the IEP process. I will review all available records, provide education and assistance about your rights and your child’s rights, help you to communicate with the school district and, I will attend team meetings and mediation (if necessary) on behalf of your child and family. I look forward to helping you.
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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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Educ. Advocate; Parent with 20 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 including ADHD, Non-verbal learning disabilities, L.D., Dyslexia, specializing in Autism/Asperger.
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Experienced Educator, Consultant and Advocate: ADHD, Anxiety, Autism (high functioning, moderate and severe), Bullying, Depression, Developmental Delay, Discrimination, Early Intervention, Eligibility Disputes, Gender Identity, Mental Health, Specific Learning Disabilities, 18-22 Transitioning, and most cases related to IEPs and Section 504 Accommodation Plans.

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I provide representation and advocacy for parents of children with special needs 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, particularly IEP Teams, so that the needs of each child are met and that every child makes progress toward living a productive adult life. FCSN trained; workshop presenter; completed ISEA 2018.
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Disability Focus: Communication, Emotional, Health, Physical, Sensory (Hearing/Vision), Specific Learning Disability, Specific Learning Disability

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I specialize in Dyslexia, as well as the array of ancillary challenges with - Anxiety, Social/Emotional, Attention, Executive Function, Processing, also Physical Challenges, Hearing, and Visual Impairments. I help parents obtain effective IEE, analyze documents, expert reports, records, secure the required placement and services their child requires to reach their educational potential. TEAM meetings to 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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Scott O’Donnell specializes in the representation of children with disabilities and their families in special education cases and other school related matters. He advises & advocates for parents & students in all aspects of the special education process including interpreting evaluations, determining eligibility, determining needed services, attending team meetings & mediation, developing IEP's, and building a case for Out of District Placements. He is FCSN and SESPP trained, and serves as a special education surrogate parent for children in state custody.

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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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I have over 40 years experience in the field of Special Education and Counseling. This includes employment as a Administrator for Special Education, Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Collaborative Director in the public schools and a Director and Vice President in approved private Special Education Schools. I hold Massachusetts licenses as an Administrator for Special Education and Mental Health Counselor. My expertise includes all aspects of Special Education and Civil Rights regulations pertinent to all disabilities both as a parent and Special Educator.
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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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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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Carol Silva came to the world of Special Education after years of navigating the process for her son. She has trained with the Federation for Children with Special Needs and ISEA at William and Mary Law School. She is a current presenter and call center coordinator for the Federation for Children with Special Needs. In addition, she works privately with families supporting them as they navigate the special education process. She frequently attends professional development workshops to keep up with the ever changing world of Special Education.

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In business for over 35 years, Southeast Advocate Associates (SEA) helps families of children with special needs in steering through the complicated network of education, medical and legal systems to obtain adequate and appropriate educational services for their children in both public and private schools. Please see our website for more specific information about our services.

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Since 2005, Angela has worked with 100s families with children with disabilities to advocate for an appropriate education. Her family-centered practice focuses on building collaborative teams (school and parents) that get win-win results. Angela’s training as an advocate through the Federation for Children with Special Needs, Harvard Law School trained state-certified mediator, and family coach to help families navigate the complex education and service systems from initial evaluations through mediation including securing out-of-district and in-district placements.

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I have more than 25 years of experience working with complex children, ages 3 to 22. My focus areas include ASD, LD, neurological, psychiatric, cognitive, and genetic/LD disorders. My goal is to help parents achieve and monitor the implementation of an IEP that truly meets their child’s needs. Beginning at age 14, I guide parents through the transition-planning process, including adult service agencies. I can help build a team of experts, or work with parents' experts, always with the goal of empowering parents to work collaboratively and effectively with the IEP Team and private providers.
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I enjoy my role as a professional Educational Advocate. I have previously served as the Membership Secretary & V.P. of Programming for SPaN. 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; PQA; Hearing Prep; Consultation/case review; supported documentation and more. The Students needs come first, collaborating to affect positive outcomes. Thank you for your consideration!

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