

Resources

Legal Resources

[Wrightslaw.com](https://wrightslaw.com)

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A great website for learning about special education laws

[Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund \(DREDF\)](https://dredf.org)

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Provides legal expertise and policy advocacy at federal and state levels in disability civil rights law and policy, and education rights.

[Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates \(COPAA\)](https://www.copaa.org)

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Provides legal advocacy protecting the civil rights of students with disabilities by connecting families with trained attorneys and advocates.

Advocacy Organizations

[National Center For Learning Disabilities \(NCLD\)](https://www.nclld.org)

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Supports students with learning and attention challenges. Provides toolkits for parents, educators, and policymakers.

[Autism Society of America](https://autism-society.org)

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Provides advocacy and support for individuals and families affected by autism.

[National Down Syndrome Congress \(NDSC\)](https://www.ndsccenter.org)

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Provides advocacy and education to support individuals with Down syndrome.

[TASH](https://tash.org)

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A national organization focusing on equity, opportunity, and inclusion for people with significant disabilities.



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IEP and Parent Education

[Understood.org](https://www.understood.org/)

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Offers parent-friendly articles, tools, and expert advice.

[Parent Training and Information Centers \(PTIs\)](https://www.parentcenterhub.org/find-your-center/)

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Provides free workshops and guidance on IEPs.

[The IEP Specialist](https://www.theiepspecialist.com)

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Provides parent-friendly articles, workshops, and special education news.

Connecting with the Local Community

[Community Parent Resource Center \(CPRC\)](https://www.parentcenterhub.org)

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Provides parent education, training, and support on rights, IEPs, advocacy, and services.

Local Parent Advocacy Groups and Workshops in your Community

- *Ask Your School or District's Special Education Office. Many school districts partner with local nonprofits or advocacy groups and can refer you. Check if there's a Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) or District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC).*

Check with the Regional or County Offices of Education. Many county education offices offer IEP workshops, transition planning events, and parent support groups.

Don't forget about online support groups via Facebook, Instagram, etc.

