



Fact Sheet

How to Advocate for Your Child

Parents are the best advocates for their child with a learning disability for the following reasons:

- They care the most
- They know their child the best
- They are the constant in their child's life

Be a part of the education team

Give written consent before any formal assessments are made

Be consulted before a program placement is made

Receive progress reports

Access information regarding your child

Be informed of schools' programs

Appeal placement decisions

Communicate openly with school

Share information about your child's educational needs, behaviors, developmental and medical progress

Ask if you do not understand

Learn about school and school board's policies and regulations

Ask how you can help the school support your child and be fair to all concerned

Be assertive and understanding

Be persistent and consistent

Be realistic about your child's strengths and needs

Keep in mind that independence and self-advocacy must be encouraged

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