

Child Advocacy Group Resources:

Organizations Providing Child Advocacy Services:

[The Arc of Philadelphia:](#)

Offers child advocacy services, including educational advocacy and assistance with accessing services for children with disabilities. They also provide training and resources for parents and advocates.

[Philadelphia Family Voices:](#)

Provides one-on-one guidance and support for families, including assistance with IEP meetings and court hearings, and information about legal rights.

[The PEAL Center:](#)

Offers free advocacy, training, and resources for families, including information about IEPs and special education rights.

[Support Center for Child Advocates:](#)

Provides legal and social services to children, including advocacy in court and school proceedings to ensure their educational rights are enforced.

[Defender Association of Philadelphia:](#)

The Child Advocacy Unit provides legal representation and social work support for children in dependency cases, advocating for their needs in court.

[Disability Rights Pennsylvania:](#)

Provides free legal services to individuals with disabilities, including those with IEPs.

[Philadelphia Youth Network \(PYN\):](#)

Offers a range of services, including advocacy, to help young people succeed in school and in life.

MY Advocacy LLC:

Provides educational advocacy services, including IEP meetings, document review, and dispute resolution.

[CAP4Kids:](#)

(Children's Advocacy Project) supports children's rights and well-being, including advocating for educational services.

[The Public Interest Law Center:](#)

Advocates for the rights of children with disabilities in the education system, including using legal strategies to ensure access to appropriate services.

Additional Resources:

[ConsultLine:](#)

A Pennsylvania Department of Education hotline where families can ask questions about special education.

[School District of Philadelphia, Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities:](#)

Provides information and resources about student rights and the special education process.

[The City of Philadelphia:](#)

Offers various resources and support for families of children with disabilities, including information about special education and related services.

[Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates \(COPAA\):](#)

A national organization of advocates, attorneys, parents, and other professionals working to protect the rights of children with disabilities.

Tips for Finding an Advocate:

- Ask other parents, friends, or professionals for recommendations.
- Consider an advocate's experience and expertise with IEPs and special education.
- Discuss your child's specific needs and goals with potential advocates.
- Check references and ensure the advocate is a good fit for your family.