



Shared Principles & Commitment To the Education of Children and Youth with Disabilities

The Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA) and the Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) along with the undersigned 860 organizations and individuals affirm our shared commitment to ensuring that children and youth with disabilities receive the education and support fundamental to their growth and development.

We recognize the importance of collaboration in advancing policies and practices that protect the rights of children and youth with disabilities, strengthen families, and support school personnel. These shared principles underscore our dedication to working together.

- I. Public education is the cornerstone of a healthy democracy
- II. Free, quality public education must be available to every child and youth regardless of a family's situation.
- III. All participants (parents and school personnel) should be full and meaningful partners in the education of children and youth with disabilities.
- IV. The federal government plays a crucial role in supplementing state funding and in shaping special education policy that ensures equitable access to quality education for students with disabilities. Under federal law, states retain substantial responsibility for the education of children and youth with disabilities.
- V. The rights of children and youth with disabilities to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) is essential to their accessing a meaningful and equitable education and must be maintained and protected through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
- VI. Federal funding under IDEA should be provided at the 40% per pupil expenditure level originally promised by the U.S. Congress to assure states have the capacity to provide needed services and specially designed instruction to students with disabilities.
- VII. The U.S. Department of Education should remain an independent agency that is fully staffed and funded to oversee federal laws including IDEA and Section 504.

[Council of Administrators of Special Education \(CASE\)](#): CASE is a non-profit professional organization of choice for special education administrators and leaders across the country and around the globe. With over 6,000 members, CASE provides leadership to advance the field of special education through professional learning, policy, and advocacy.

[Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates \(COPAA\)](#): COPAA is where the movement for education equity gains its strength. We unite advocates of all forms to defend the civil rights of children with disabilities and their families. With a 3,700+ strong network of parents, students, advocates, attorneys, and allied professionals, we connect and equip those on the front lines through structured learning, community support, and systemic advocacy. Together, our members work to uphold children's and family's rights and create environments where every student is seen, supported, and set up to thrive.

National Organizations

AACTE: American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
AASA, The School Superintendents Association
Access Ready, Inc.
AESA, Association of Educational Service Agencies
American Association of University Women (AAUW)
American Music Therapy Association
American Occupational Therapy Association
American Physical Therapy Association
APTA Pediatrics (aka...APTA Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy)
Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO)
Autism National Committee
Autism Society of America
Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network
Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)
Clearinghouse on Women's Issues
Coalition on Human Needs
CommunicationFIRST
Council for Learning Disabilities
Council of Administrators of Special Education
Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates
Disability Belongs
Division for Learning Disabilities of the Council for Exceptional Children (DLD)
EDGE Consulting Partners
EdTrust
Education Law Center
Feminist Majority Foundation
Fighting For My Voice LLC
Hope for HIE
I Am Able Foundation
Learning Disabilities Association of America
Mental Health Transformation Alliance
Muslim Public Affairs Council
National Association of Pupil Services Administrators
National Association of School Psychologists
National Center for Learning Disabilities
National Council on Severe Autism
National Down Syndrome Congress
National Down Syndrome Society
National Education Association
SynGAP Research Fund
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TDIforAccess
The Advocacy Institute
The Arc of the United States
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State Organizations

Access Living
Advocate Together LLC
Autism Alliance of Michigan
California Council of the Blind
California State PTA
Colorado BOCES Association
Connecticut Council of Administrators of Special Education
Disability Rights Maryland
Disability Rights Oregon
Education Advocacy, LLC
Family Voices NJ
Honesty for Ohio Education
Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education
I'm-Possible, LLC
Inclusive Education Project
Inter Agency Council
Learning Disabilities Association of Alabama
Learning Disabilities Association of California
Learning Disabilities Association of Illinois
Learning Disabilities Association of Iowa
Learning Disabilities Association of Maryland
Learning Disabilities Association of New Hampshire
Learning Disabilities Association of Texas
Learning Disabilities Association of Virginia
Learning Disabilities Association of Wisconsin
Legal Council for Health Justice
Michigan Alliance For Special Education
Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education
Michigan Parent, Advocate & Attorney Coalition (MiPAAC)
Minnesota Administrators for Special Education (MASE)
Missouri Council of Administrators of Special Education
Missouri Disability Empowerment Foundation
New Jersey Education Association
Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy
Oregon Association of Education Service Districts (OAESD)
S.C. Appleseed Legal Justice Center
SPAN Parent Advocacy Network
Special Education Equity for Kids in Connecticut (SEEK)
Texas Parent to Parent
The Arc of Nebraska
The Autism Society of Nebraska
The Center for Children's Advocacy
Vermont Council of Special Education Administrators

Local Organizations

Ability Votes
Advocacy Unlocked LLC
Advocate Tip of the Day
Advocate to Educate
Alianza Unilateral Por FAPE
All About the Child Advocacy
Arlington Special Education PTA, VA
Autism Delaware

Autism Resolvers
Center for Advancement of NEXTGEN Deaf
Center for Self Determination, Inc.
Center for Self Determination/Children's Advocacy Project
Champion Initiative, LLC
Charting the Course
Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Schools
Creative Advocacy Solutions for Education
Down Syndrome Association of Tulsa (DSAT)
Educational Resource Group of Greater Washington
Effective IEPs & 504s
EmpowerED Advocacy
EmpowerEd Psychological Services
EPIC Advocacy and Consulting
Exceptional Advocacy, LLC
FIRSTwnc
Gillis Education LLC
got advocacy llc
GROW Initiative GA
Hartlieb & Horste, LLC
Havensight Law
HER Wingspan
Inclusion Advocates
Inclusive Education Project
Inspire Education
IRIS Behavioral Health Services LLC
Kentucky Educational Development Corporation
L. E. A. D. Learn Empower Advocate Discover
Lake Agassiz Education Cooperative
Law Office of Richard J Murphy, PLC
Legal Council for Health Justice
Main Line Special Needs Parents
Matt Cohen And Associates LLC
Moms for Liberty Horry County, SC
Neurodiverse Education Advocacy Team, Wallingford School District, PA
New Hartford Public Schools
Options & Advocacy for McHenry County, IL
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Our Dyslexic Children Michigan
Palmetto Education Connection
Parent Education for Exceptional Children
Parent Empowerment in Special Wducation
Parents Helping Parents, Inc.
Professionals in Learning Disabilities and Special Education
Qualequity Access, LLC
Regional School District 13, CT
Resolutions in Special Education, Inc.
SBES, Inc.
SOS4Students
Special Mommie Life
SpEducational
Taking Action for Special Kids
The Arc Community Advocates
The Arc of Larimer County

The Big Dream Project LLC
The Magnolia Rose Foundation for Autism Acceptance
The RILEY Project
TSD SSPAC
Tulalip Office of Civil Legal Aid
Uvalde Southwest Neighborhood Association
Villarraga Education Consulting
VITAS vocational individualized training advocate services NFP

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