

Special Education Parent Centers

There are special education parent centers located in New York City. These centers will provide parents of children with disabilities with information, resources, and strategies to:

1. Promote their meaningful involvement in their children's education programs, including information regarding the special education process (referrals, individual evaluations and individualized education program development and transition planning);
2. Assist in understanding their children's disabilities;
3. Promote early resolution of disputes between parents and school districts;
4. Promote the use of resolution sessions and special education mediation;
5. Assist in understanding procedural due process rights, including the right to impartial hearings and appeals and the State complaint process;
6. Enhance parents' skills and levels of confidence to communicate effectively; and
7. Work collaboratively with other schools and other stakeholders to advocate and actively participate in their children's education program.

Please contact the parent center located nearest you for assistance.

Parent Centers						
Name	Address	Contact Name	Telephone #	Fax #	Email Address	Notes
Parent to Parent New York / Staten Island Special Education Parent Center	1050 Forest Hill Rd. Staten Island, NY 10314	Joanne Ward, Project Coordinator	(718) 494-4872	(718) 494-4805	siptp@aol.com	Serves residents of Staten Island
United We Stand of New York	1907 Flushing Ave. Maspeth, NY 11385	Lourdes Rivera-Putz, Executive Director	(718) 302-4313	(718) 302-4315		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serves residents of Queens and Brooklyn • Mediation only

Legal Services and Advocacy Agencies

The following is a list of free legal services and advocacy agencies that may be available to represent children at impartial hearings. Each agency has the option of accepting or rejecting any application for its services.

Legal Services and Advocacy Agencies						
Name	Address	Contact Name	Telephone #	Fax #	Email Address	Notes
Legal Services - NYC			(917) 661-4500 City Legal Assistance Hotline			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serves residents of NYC Must meet income eligibility requirement
Legal Services – Brooklyn	105 Court Street, 3 rd Fl. Brooklyn, NY 11201		(718) 237-5500	(718) 855-0733		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serves residents of Brooklyn Must meet income eligibility requirement
Legal Services – Bronx	349 E. 149 th St., 10 th Fl. Bronx, NY 10451		(718) 928-3700	(718) 402-7566		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serves residents of Bronx Must meet income eligibility requirement
Legal Services – Manhattan (Upper)	1 West 125 th St., 2 nd Fl. New York, NY 10027		(646) 442-3000			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serves residents of Manhattan Must meet income eligibility requirement
Legal Services – Manhattan (Lower)	40 Worth St., Ste., 606 New York, NY 10027		(646) 442-3100			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serves residents of Manhattan Must meet income eligibility requirement
Legal Services – Queens	89-00 Sutphin Blvd. Jamaica, NY 11435		(347) 592-2200	(718) 526-5051		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serves residents of Queens Must meet income eligibility requirement
Legal Services – Staten Island	36 Richmond Terrace, Ste. 205 Jamaica, NY 11435		(718) 233-6480	(718) 448-2264		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serves residents of Staten Island Must meet income eligibility requirement
New York Lawyers for the Public Interest	151 W. 30 th St., 11 th Fl. New York, NY 10001		(212) 244-4664	(212) 244-4570		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serves residents of all five boroughs No in-person interview
Partnership for Children’s Rights	271 Madison Ave., Ste. 1007 New York, NY 10016	Michael D. Hampden, Esq.	(212) 683-7999 Ext. #226	(212) 683-5544	hampden@pfc.org info@pfc.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not taking intake requests for special education issues until further notice Only taking requests for SSI help (all five boroughs)

Legal Services and Advocacy Agencies (Continued)						
Name	Address	Contact Name	Telephone #	Fax #	Email Address	Notes
NY Legal Assistance Group	7 Hanover Sq., 18 th Fl. New York, NY 10004		(212) 613-5000		info@nylag.org	
Advocates for Children	151 W. 30 th St., 5 th Fl. New York, NY 10001		(212) 947-9779 Helpline: (866) 427-6033	(212) 947-9790	info@advocatesforchildren.org	www.advocatesforchildren.org www.insideschools.org
Singergia, Inc.	2082 Lexington Ave., 4 th Fl. New York, NY 10035		(212) 643-2840	(212) 749-5021		

Note: The Impartial Hearing Office does not endorse nor assume any responsibility for the availability or work of the agencies listed.