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Impartial Hearing Office  
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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.

<p>Brooklyn Center for Independence of the Disabled          27 Smith Street, Suite 200,          Brooklyn, NY 11201          718-998-3000          718-998-3743 Fax          Contact person: Revere Joyce, Project Coordinator          Region served: NYC – Brooklyn</p>	<p>Resources for Children with Special Needs, Inc          The Manhattan Parent Center Without Walls          116 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> floor          New York, New York 10003          212-677-4650          212-254-4070 Fax          Contact person: Rachel Howard, Executive Director          Region served: NYC – Manhattan and Bronx</p>
<p>Parent to Parent NY, Inc          The Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene          1050 Forest Hill Road          Staten Island, NY 10314          718-494-4872          718-494-4805 Fax          Contact person: Joanne Ward – Project Coordinator          Region served: NYC – Staten Island</p>	<p>United We Stand of New York, LTD          Mail to: 91 Harrison Avenue          Location: 98 Moore Street          Brooklyn, NY 11206          718-302-4313          718-302-4315 Fax          Contact person: Lourdes Rivera-Putz, Executive Director          Region served: NYC - Queens</p>

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

<u>LEGAL SERVICES</u>	<u>APPROXIMATE AREAS SERVED</u>
<p>LSNY – BROOKLYN            105 Court Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor            Brooklyn, New York 11201            Tel. # (347) 592-2100            Fax. # (718) 858-1786</p>	<p>Accepts only certain zip codes:            11204, 11219, 11235 and parts of: 11203,            11211, 11213            Note: must meet income eligibility</p>
<p>LSNY – BRONX            579 Cortland Avenue            Bronx, NY 10451            Tel. # (718) 928-3700            Fax. # (718) 402-7566</p>	<p>Bronx Residents</p>
<p>JOHN MORRIS, ESQ.            Attorney-at-Law            427 Morning Star Road            Staten Island, NY 10303            Tel.# (718) 897-5939</p>	
<p>NEW YORK LAWYERS FOR THE PUBLIC            INTEREST, INC.            151 West 30<sup>th</sup> Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor            New York, NY 10001            Tel. # (212) 244-4664</p>	<p>All five boroughs            Note: No in-person interview</p>
<p>PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN’S RIGHTS            Micael D. Hampden, Esq.            271 Madison Avenue Suite 1007            New York, NY 10016            Tel. # (212) 683-7999            Fax. # (212) 683-5544            Email: <a href="mailto:hampden@pfc.org">hampden@pfc.org</a>  <a href="mailto:info@pfc.org">info@pfc.org</a></p>	<p>Note: Not taking intake requests for Special            Education issues until further notice. For SSI            ext# 226            Only taking requests for SSI help for all five            boroughs</p>

<p>QUEENS LEGAL SERVICES  42-15 Crescent Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  Long Island City, New York 11101  Tel. # (718) 392-5646/(347) 592-2200  Fax. # (718) 937-5350</p>	<p>Queens residents</p>
<p>LAW OFFICES OF GERORGE ZELMA AND DAVID BERLIN  28 W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street., Suite 711  New York, NY 10036  Tel. # (212) 247-4650; (212) 769-4422  Fax. # (212) 757-2863; (212) 757-0469  Website: <a href="http://www.specialedlawfirm.com">www.specialedlawfirm.com</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:zelma@specialedlawfirm.com">zelma@specialedlawfirm.com</a> ,  <a href="mailto:info@specialedlawfirm.com">info@specialedlawfirm.com</a> and  <a href="mailto:berlin@specialedlawfirm.com">berlin@specialedlawfirm.com</a></p>	<p>All 5 boroughs and Long Island, Westchester,  Rockland and Putnam Counties</p>

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<u>ADVOCACY AGENCIES</u>	
<p>ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN  151 West 30<sup>th</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  New York, New York 10001  Tel. # (212) 947-9779  Fax. # (212) 947-9790  Education Helpline: (866) 427-6033  Email: <a href="mailto:infor@advocatesforchildren.org">infor@advocatesforchildren.org</a>  <a href="http://www.advocatesforchildren.org">www.advocatesforchildren.org</a></p>	<p>COMMUNITY ADVOCATES FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE, INC.  Bruce Ellis, President  1375 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  New York, New York 10018  Tel. # (646) 278-9978  Fax. # (646) 417-7741  Email: <a href="mailto:Userca3727@aol.com">Userca3727@aol.com</a></p>
<p>EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY SERVICE  Joan A. Harrington &amp; Associates  1359 Coney Island Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  Brooklyn, New York 11230  Tel. # (718) 252-6682  Fax. # (718) 252-2216</p>	<p>SINGERGIA, INC.  2082 Lexington Ave, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  New York, New York 10035  Tel. # (212) 643-2840  Fax. # (212) 643-2871</p>
<p>UNITED WE STAND OF NEW YORK  98 Moore Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  Brooklyn, New York 11206  Tel. # (718) 302-4313  Fax. # (718) 302-4315</p>	<p>Please call for more information.  9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p>

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