

Educational Advocacy



The JRI Educational Advocacy Program provides advocacy services for children and youth with emotional, behavioral, physical, or learning disabilities, as well as spectrum disorders. JRI's goal is to ensure that children with disabilities receive the services and accommodations necessary to participate and succeed in the least restrictive environment while receiving equal educational opportunities.

APPROACH: The JRI Educational Advocacy program will assist parents, caregivers and state agency staff to navigate the special education process, provide direct advocacy, access appropriate educational services and mediate in dispute resolution between parent, caregiver and schools. Services are delivered in an individualized, flexible, and coordinated manner. The primary goal of the program is to empower families and caregivers with the knowledge that they will need to continue to advocate for their children/foster children following assistance from the JRI Educational Advocate.

SERVICES: Our staff provide services in the communities where the people we serve live, utilizing strength-based and needs-driven choices, offering a team-based approach collaboration with the people we work with that is grounded in culturally competent, individualized services and the use of evidence-based practices.

REFERRALS

Educational Advocacy accepts private pay referrals as well as state social service, youth service, and mental health agency placements. We serve students ages 3-21 years old throughout Southern Massachusetts.

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