

Resources that inform empower & inspire family advocates like us ☺

➤ **Special Education Parent Advisory Councils (SEPAC/SPEDPAC)**

Available in most MA school districts <http://www.spedchildmass.com/special-education-sepac-massachusetts/>

- Liaisons between parents and school administration
- Websites with district resources and SPED-related information

➤ **Federation for Children with Special Needs (617) 236-7210, (800) 331-0688 (in MA)**

All projects

Visions of Community conference (annually in March)

- Workshops on special education, health, recreation, transition to adulthood, neuropsych evals, social learning, etc

Special Education

Call Center for SPED-related questions <https://fcsn.org/ptic/call-center/>

- Free & confidential

Statewide workshops <https://fcsn.org/ptic/workshops>

- Turning Three
- Basic Rights & Understanding your child's IEP (Individual Education Plan)

Parent Consultant Training <https://fcsn.org/ptic/parent-consultant-training>

- Immersive 7 session advanced advocacy training

Health and well-being

Mass Family Voices – Family to Family Health Information Center <https://fcsn.org/mfv/f2fhic>

- Call Center – support with insurance, applying for Mass Health/CommonHealth secondary coverage (our kids qualify!)
- Statewide MFV list-serv – parents and professionals sharing resources

Family Ties <http://www.massfamilies.org/> **(800) 905-8437**

- Regional Coordinators-connecting you to local resources
- “Pink” book offers comprehensive listing of statewide services

➤ **MA Department of Public Health** <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/division-for-children-youth-with-special-health-needs>

Division for Children/Youth Special Health Needs (800) 882-1435

- Community Support Line
- Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund (CICRF) – Payer of last resort, expenses not otherwise covered

➤ **Massachusetts Advocates for Children (MAC)** <https://massadvocates.org/> **(617) 357-8431 ext. 3224**

- Helpline and legal advocacy for low income clients to addresses systemic barriers to educational services

➤ **Massachusetts Families Organizing for Change** <https://mfofc.org/>

- Advocacy Boot camp, Family Leadership Series, A Full Life Ahead - trainings by families, for families

➤ **Greater MA Special Needs** <http://www.spedchildmass.com/> Recreation, conferences, social skills groups & many other events

➤ **Wrightslaw** <https://www.wrightslaw.com/> SPED resources and trainings