

Determine goals and develop a plan

- Identify your child's strengths.
- Identify areas your child requires assistance.
- Know what subjects your child likes and why.
- Know what services are available.
- Be clear about your child's educational goals.
- Have clear, measurable outcomes.
- Short term, long term AND transitional goals need to be addressed.
- Follow up to insure plan compliance.
- Be aware of changes in education laws affecting children with disabilities.



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1989 Norm & Ellen Linder host other parents of special needs children in their home.

1992 Monthly support meetings expand open to the public. United Parents Library is established and open to families.

1995 Began offering 20 hours of monthly respite or "chill time" to parents and caregivers of challenging special needs children. [VCBH/SAMHSA Contract]

1996 Began the only children's crisis intervention/prevention program in Ventura County, reducing psychiatric hospitalizations
Quarterly Children & Teen activities offered: camping, hiking, movie nights, outings, teen meetings. [VCBH/SAMHSA Contracts]

2003 Began providing 12 hours of monthly respite to Foster Parents of children 0-5. [HSA/First Five Contract]

2004 Recruit, train and provide Parent Partners as team members for Ventura County Wrap-around. [HSA/Casa Pacifica Contract]

2005 Crisis Counselors comfort and stay with children in an adult psychiatric hospital, awaiting a proper bed elsewhere. [Health Care Agency Contract]

2007 Recruit, train and provide Parent Partners as team members for MSHA Full Service Partnership. [VCBH/Interface Contract]

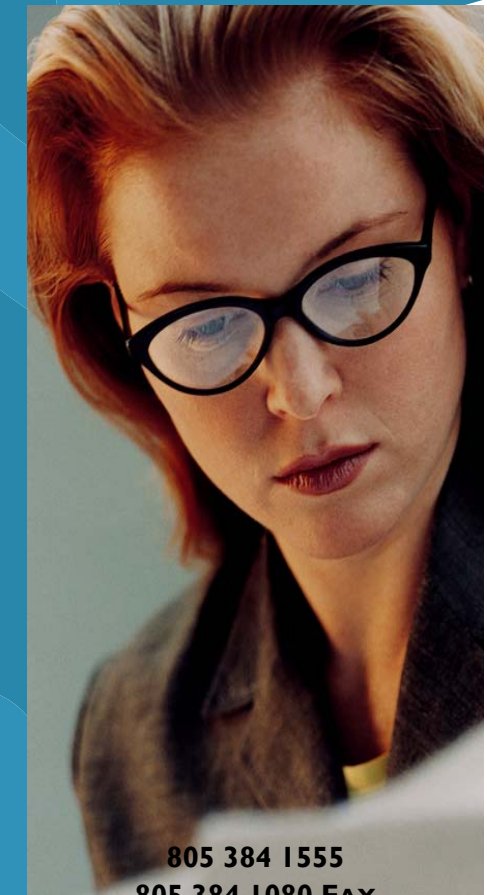
On Going

Daily telephone support, Educational Advocacy, Support meetings, Parenting Seminars, In-home follow up, Open library, Referrals.

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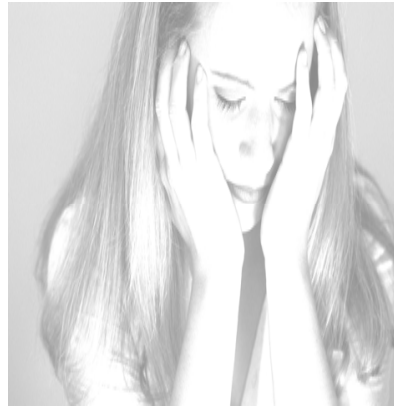


Educational Advocacy



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- Is your child passing classes?
- Does your child's behavior interfere with their education?
- Has your school put a plan of action into effect to help your child succeed?
- Does your child have frequent suspensions?
- Does your child have an IEP or 504 Plan that isn't working?
- Are you considering out of home placement for your child?
- One hour free consultation.



Services

Respite

In-Home Assistance

Parent Partners

UpWords - Quarterly newsletter with updates, ideas and information

Monthly Support Meetings

Library for Parents and Professionals

Daily Phone Support

Liaison to other Agencies

Network of Referrals

Parenting Mini-Seminars specific to raising a challenging child

Emergency Respite

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Comprehensive Educational Advocacy

United Parents is a non-profit, parent run, professional organization providing services to families with special needs children.



Children with emotional, mental or behavioral disorders sometimes require specific educational services in order to receive a "free and appropriate education".

Frequently, there is not enough time at scheduled meetings for detailed explanations.

SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW

School Districts must follow the law and take certain steps to assist students. Testing, assessments and recommendations are sometimes confusing for parents

OUR ADVOCATES

Our Educational Advocates take the time to review and explain procedures, results and recommendations.

Our Educational Advocates are trained in educational

law. We are not attorneys, but participate in on-going trainings and conferences to stay current with legislation and changes in procedures. Additionally, we work collaboratively with local and statewide organizations that offer support and legal opinions as needed.

Most importantly, we have worked with school districts on behalf of our own children as well as other students. We are familiar with eligibilities, services available, Positive Behavior Supports, and are available to attend IEPs or other scheduled meetings. Our Advocates work

collaboratively with school and agency staff.

Disagreements are handled in a way respectful to everyone with our goal being collaborative negotiation. This approach has proven to be overwhelmingly successful and is in the best interest of the student and meets everyone's needs. If formal legal assistance is needed, we will provide a list of Educational Attorneys who can help.

SECURING YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE

Best of all, you will learn to advocate yourself so you can insure your child of ongoing academic success.