



## **Resources for Parents, Guardians, Foster Parents, and other Caregivers**

The following is a list of agencies in Massachusetts that may be able to provide free or low-cost services. Services may include consultation, technical assistance, referral, advocacy, or legal representation. Many agencies provide state-wide services.

The SESP Program makes no recommendations or endorsements with respect to the agencies appearing on this list, nor any guarantee of eligibility or representation.

### **Agencies**

#### **Federation for Children with Special Needs (FCSN)**

*Parents and Caregivers of DCF involved students: ask for the Recruitment, Training, and Support Center (RTSC) for SESP*

617-236-7210 / 800-331-0688

[www.fcsn.org](http://www.fcsn.org), [www.fcsn.org/rtsc/](http://www.fcsn.org/rtsc/) (*multilingual*)

#### **Special Education Parent Advisory Councils (PACs)**

Contact info available through the school or district, or visit [www.spedchildmass.com/special-education-parent-advisory-councils-sepac-in-massachusetts/](http://www.spedchildmass.com/special-education-parent-advisory-councils-sepac-in-massachusetts/)

#### **Family Ties**

800-905-TIES (8437)

[www.massfamilyties.org](http://www.massfamilyties.org)

#### **Special Needs Advocacy Network, Inc.**

508-655-7999

[www.spanmass.org](http://www.spanmass.org)

#### **Massachusetts Advocates for Children**

617-357-8431 x3224

[www.massadvocates.org](http://www.massadvocates.org) (*multilingual*)

#### **Children's Law Center of Massachusetts**

781-581-1977

[www.clcm.org/education](http://www.clcm.org/education) (*multilingual*)

#### **Parent Professional Advocacy League (PPAL)**

866-815-8122

[www.ppal.net](http://www.ppal.net)

#### **Disability Law Center**

617-723-8455 / 800-872-9992

[www.dlc-ma.org](http://www.dlc-ma.org)

#### **EdLaw Project**

617-910-5829

[www.edlawproject.org](http://www.edlawproject.org)

#### **Community Legal Aid - Central and Western MA**

855-252-5342

[www.communitylegal.org](http://www.communitylegal.org) (*multilingual*)

#### **MetroWest Legal Services**

508-620-1830

[www.mwlegal.org](http://www.mwlegal.org) (*multilingual*)

#### **South Coastal Counties Legal Services**

800-244-9023

[www.sccls.org/education](http://www.sccls.org/education) (*multilingual*)

### **Government Agencies**

#### **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)**

781-338-3000

[www.doe.mass.edu](http://www.doe.mass.edu) (*multilingual*)

#### **Department of Developmental Services (DDS)**

617-727-5608

857-366-4179 (VP)

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/department-of-developmental-services> (*multilingual*)

#### **Resource Guide**

<https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2018/02/15/DDS%20Family%20Support%20Directory.pdf>

#### **Department of Mental Health (DMH)**

617-626-8000

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-department-of-mental-health> (*multilingual*)

#### **Resource Guide**

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/dmh-resource-guides>

#### **Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC / Mass Rehab)**

617-204-3600

[www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-rehabilitation-commission](http://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-rehabilitation-commission) (*multilingual*)