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Parents' Desk Reference
Directory of Professional Resources

Organization	Name	City	Phone	Email	Website	Specialization	Geographical Area Covered
Professionals and Services							
Advocates							
Special Needs Advocacy Network (SPAN)		Natick	508-655-7999		www.spanmass.org	Since 1989, SPAN (Special Needs Advocacy Network) has provided opportunities for professional development and networking for educational advocates in the New England area.	Statewide
Sharon Jermain	Sharon Jermain	North Attleboro	508-699-4055	sljadvocate@aol.com	home.comcast.net/~narockets14/slj.htm	MA certified special education teacher; strong background in reading disabilities, ADHD, nonverbal learning disability, autism spectrum, and auditory processing disorders.	Massachusetts & Rhode Island
Educational Consultant/Advocate	Shelly Greene	Newton	617-244-2350	shellygreene@cox.net		All areas of functioning, social & emotional, autism & asperger's, behavioral, ADHD, cognitive. Teaching students self-advocacy, program evaluation, Team meetings, mediation & pre-hearing proceedings, parent/teacher training, and consultation.	South, southeast, southwest of Boston, 1 hour radius, and Worcester county
JDK Communications	Jennie DunKley	South Easton	508-230-7357	jdk@jdk-com.com	www.jdk-com.com	Family consultant/child advocate. All disability areas with specialty in Autism Spectrum, NLD, CAP, PDD, and Dyslexia. FCSN certified, FCSN trainer, parenting workshop presenter.	Southeastern Massachusetts & Boston
Community Care Services	Pat Cunningham, Barbara Silva*, Kathy Auger Savino, Linda Gowen, Mary Mercier*, Marcia Norris*, Maureen Stnaton*	Taunton	508-821-7777 x252	edconsult@communitycareservices.org		Our team advocates for those with disabilities aged 3-22 years. Specialities: education law, 504 plans, learning disabilities including NVLD, ADHD, neurological and emotional disabilities, behavior management and school discipline issues. Note: names noted with * are Federation trained.	Metro South; Southeastern MA; Cape Cod
Ann Davitt	Ann Davitt	Watertown	617-926-5916	adavitt@copper.net		FCSN trained. Thirty-five years experience, teacher, special educator, sped team chairperson, IEP development. Areas of speciality: LD, ADHD, autism spectrum, NVLD, reading disorders, SID, auditory processing disorders.	1 hour travel time from Watertown

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The Advocate	Lynne Carlson-LeFort, Debbie Pedersen, Barbara Trudel, Michele McTiernan	West Boylston	508-835-1188	TheAdvocate1@comcast.net		Group advocacy practice since 1990. FCSN trained. Any disability. Record review, consultation, meetings, mediation, resolution sessions. Reasonable rates. "Because parents know their children better than anyone."	Massachusetts
Family and School Consultants	Jayne Fisher and Dr. Stuart Fisher	Worcester	508-755-4557	s.jfisher@verizon.net		Serving children with special needs, ages 3-22. Twenty+ years experience as a consultant/advocate. Masters of Education in Special Education & Masters of Science in Elementary Education.	1.5 hours around Worcester, Greater Worcester County
Psychoeducational Consultants	Steve Imber, Ph.D.	Providence, RI	401-421-4004	scimber1@aol.com		Worked as an independent educational evaluator, a consultant and an advocate in the New England area for more than 25 years.	Mass, RI, Conn.
Assistive Technology							
Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic	Jennifer Dougherty	Cambridge	617-577-1111	jdougherty@rfd.org	www.rfd.org	RFB&D is the nation's leading educational library serving people who cannot effectively read standard print due to a visual impairment, learning or other physical disability.	New England
Cognitive Skills Training							
Learning Rx	David Caiati	Andover	978-470-1556		www.learningrx.com	LearningRx Centers help individuals of all ages and performance levels. Unlike tutoring or computer based programs that focus on behavior management or specific academic skills, LearningRx provides cognitive skills training that improve the brain's ability to process information. It does for mental abilities what exercise does for the body.	Statewide

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Educational Consultants							
Educational Options, LLC	Renee Goldberg	Worcester	508-304-9672	renee@optionsined.com	www.optionsined.com	Educational and school placement advising for students elementary school through college. Expertise in LD, ADHD, NLD, and Asperger's Disorder. Therapeutic placement specialist.	Nationwide
The Goldberg Center for Educational Planning		Braintree	781-848-8800	info@edconsult.org	www.edconsult.org	Educational and therapeutic placement guidance. Specialize in independent school and college admissions, intervention, therapeutic or transitional programs. Credentialed in special education issues.	Statewide
Evaluators							
Learning Lab @ Lesley University		Cambridge	617-349-8570		www.lesley.edu/learninglab	Assessments: comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations. Diagnostic testing for disabilities. Tutoring services to improve study habits, organization and test taking skills. Specialized programs for students with LD, ADHD, NLD & Asperger Syndrome.	Cambridge, Boston and surrounding areas. Services provided are conducted at the Learning Lab.
The Goldberg Center for Educational Planning		Braintree	781-848-8800	info@edconsult.org	www.edconsult.org	Educational and therapeutic placement guidance. Specialize in independent school and college admissions, intervention, therapeutic or transitional programs. Credentialed in special education issues.	Statewide
Commonwealth Learning Centers		Needham, Sudbury, Danvers	800-461-6671	info@commlearn.com	www.commlearn.com	CLC offers educational assessments and evaluations. CLC provides supplemental education, and a nurturing learning environment that helps students develop their academic skill and improve school performance.	Needham Center: West Suburban, Boston. Sudbury Center: MetroWest, Danvers Center: North Shore.
DORE Achievement Centers		Needham, Sudbury, Danvers	781-626-3527	david.pfeil@doreusa.com	doresusa.com	The DORE Program is a drug-free, exercise-based program for the treatment of ADHD, dyslexia, and other learning difficulties. Clients are assessed using state-of-the-art equipment to determine cerebellar function.	Statewide

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Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes		Norwell	781-643-4567	hrawston@lblp.com	www.lblp.com	Lindamood-Bell programs have been shown to be a major contributing factor for student success in improving reading and comprehension abilities.	South Shore
Psychoeducational Consultants	Steve Imber, Ph.D.	Providence, RI	401-421-4004	scimber1@aol.com	www.dr-imber.com	Educational consultant and evaluator. Experience with attention deficits, cognitive delays, LD, emotional disorders and other disabilities. Trained in special education regulations by Council for Exceptional Children.	Southeastern Mass, RI and Connecticut
Financial & Estate Planning							
Temkin Financial Group	Alan L. Temkin, CLTC	Danvers	978-646-3000	atemkin@metlife.com	www.temkinfinancial.com	Providing families of children with special needs estate and financial planning tools.	North of Boston

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Lawyers							
Carla Leone	Carla C. Leone, Esq.	Arlington	781-648-4006	carla@leonelaw.com	www.leonelaw.com	Demystifying the special education process from IEPs to the BSEA. Noteworthy areas of concentration include: Tourette Syndrome, dysgraphia, OCD, NLD, dyslexia. Reasonable rates.	Massachusetts
Stephen Bing, Tonya Boyce	Attorney at Law, Advocate & Paralegal Services	Bolton	978-634-1065	srbing@comcast.net		Support for parents & children at all stages of special education process. Comprehensive services include in depth analysis of records to tease out procedural or irregularities, legal representation/advocacy for team meetings thru due process (including appeals). Extensive experience in working with parents and engaging in the legal process of special education.	Worcester, Middlesex & Suffolk Counties. Other areas covered after consultation with client regarding nature of case.
Robert Crabtree, Esq.	Kotin, Crabtree & Strong, LLP	Boston	617-227-7031	rcrabtree@kcslegal.com	www.kcslegal.com	Robert Crabtree and Lawrence Kotin were the principal draftsmen of "Chapter 766", the major overhaul of Massachusetts' special education law enacted in 1972. Mr. Crabtree has concentrated his practice in the area of special education since 1981. Kotin, Crabtree & Strong is a general practice law firm, one of whose specialties is in law relating to children and adults with disabilities. See our website for more information.	Massachusetts
Joseph B. Green	Kotin, Crabtree & Strong, LLP	Boston	617-227-7031	jgreen@kcslegal.com	www.kcslegal.com	Joseph Green has extensive experience in civil and criminal litigation and devotes a substantial part of his practice to special education matters. Kotin, Crabtree & Strong is a general practice law firm, one of whose specialties is in law relating to children and adults with disabilities. See our website for more information.	Massachusetts

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Eileen M. Hagerty, Esq.	Kotin, Crabtree & Strong, LLP	Boston	617-227-7031	ehagerty@kcslegal.com	www.kcslegal.com	Eileen Hagerty has over 23 years of litigation experience, including a concentration in special education law since she joined the firm in 1996. She is chair of the Board of Directors of Massachusetts Advocates for Children. Kotin, Crabtree & Strong is a general practice law firm, one of whose specialties is in law relating to children and adults with disabilities. See our website for more information.	Massachusetts
Daniel T.S. Heffernan	Kotin, Crabtree & Strong, LLP	Boston	617-227-7031	dheffernan@kcslegal.com	www.kcslegal.com	Daniel Heffernan has 18 years of litigation experience, is president of the Board of Directors of the Federation for Special Needs, and devotes a substantial part of his practice to special education matters. Kotin, Crabtree & Strong is a general practice law firm, one of whose specialties is in law relating to children and adults with disabilities. See our website for more information.	Massachusetts
Lawrence Kotin, Esq.	Kotin, Crabtree & Strong, LLP	Boston	617-227-7031	lkotin@kcslegal.com	www.kcslegal.com	Lawrence Kotin and Robert Crabtree were the principal draftsmen of "Chapter 766", the major overhaul of Massachusetts' special education law enacted in 1972. Mr. Kotin has concentrated his practice in the area of special education since 1981. Kotin, Crabtree & Strong is a general practice law firm, one of whose specialties is in law relating to children and adults with disabilities. See our website for more information.	Massachusetts
Sherry L. Ruschioni, Esq.	Kotin, Crabtree & Strong, LLP	Boston	617-227-7031	sruschioni@kcslegal.com	www.kcslegal.com	Following her previous career as a mental health therapist, Ms. Ruschioni focuses her practice on special education, as well as general and employment litigation. Kotin, Crabtree & Strong is a general practice law firm, one of whose specialties is in law relating to children and adults with disabilities. See our website for more information.	Massachusetts

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Pamela S. Milman, Esq.	Education Consulting, Advocacy & Legal Services	Lynnfield	781-581-7266	SpedAdvoc8@verizon.net	www.educationandjuvenilelaw.com	Representation throughout the IEP process. TEAM meeting;hearings; suspension expulsion hearing; juvenile matters. Former teacher, administrator and DOE educatoin specialist.	Massachusetts
Michael R. Goldberg, Esq.	Law Offices	Marblehead	781-631-1255	mgoldberg@mgoldberglaw.com	www.mgoldberglaw.com	Represents parents and children in education matters as diverse as special education, health issues, disciplinary actions and sexual harassment, including attendance at TEAM meetings. Affiliated as Of Counsel to Broderick, Bancroft & Goldberg with offices in Marblehead and Newton.	Massachusetts
D. Luray Wallace	Wallace Law Office, P.C.	Sharon	781-793-0575	admin@wallacelawoffice.com	www.wallacelawoffice.com	Special Education needs, juvenile criminal, guardianship	Eastern Massachusetts & Rhode Island
Private, Special Education Schools							
The Carroll School	Susan Kingman	Lincoln	781-259-8342	skingman@carrollschool.org	www.carrollschool.org	The Carroll School serves students diagnosed with primary language learning disabilities, such as dyslexia, grades 1-8. More information can be found on our website.	30 miles radius of Boston
Landmark School		Prides Crossing	978-236-3000		www.landmarkschool.org	Landmark School is the largest, most comprehensive school in the US, positively changing the lives of students with language-based disabilities, such as dyslexia. Our goal is to help students realize their educational and social potential through an exemplary school program complemented by outreach, training and research.	Statewide

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Service Providers							
Commonwealth Learning Centers		Needham, Sudbury, Danvers	800-461-6671	info@commlearn.com	www.commlearn.com	CLC offers educational assessments and evaluations. CLC provides supplemental education, and a nurturing learning environment that helps students develop their academic skill and improve school performance.	Needham Center: West Suburban, Boston. Sudbury Center: MetroWest, Danvers Center: North Shore.
Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes		Norwell	781-643-4567	hrawston@lbp.com	www.lbp.com	Lindamood-Bell programs have been shown to be a major contributing factor for student success in improving reading and comprehension abilities.	South Shore
DORE Achievement Centers		Needham, Sudbury, Danvers	781-626-3527	david.pfeil@doreusa.com	doresusa.com	The DORE Program is a drug-free, exercise-based program for the treatment of ADHD, dyslexia, and other learning difficulties. Clients are assessed using state-of-the-art equipment to determine cerebellar function.	Statewide
Therapists							
Commonwealth Learning Centers		Needham, Sudbury, Danvers	800-461-6671	info@commlearn.com	www.commlearn.com	CLC offers educational assessments and evaluations. CLC provides supplemental education, and a nurturing learning environment that helps students develop their academic skill and improve school performance.	Needham Center: West Suburban, Boston. Sudbury Center: MetroWest, Danvers Center: North Shore.
Wellesley Therapeutic Services	Suzanne Flax	Wellesley	781-237-1769	sflaxslp@comcast.net		We evaluate and treat both children and adults. Specialties include apraxia, articulation disorders, developmental delays, feeding issues, fluency disorders, voice, language delays/disorders, tongue thrust and writing disorders.	Wellesley, Newton, Brookline, Weston, Natick, Sudbury, Waltham

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Tutors							
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Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes		Norwell	781-643-4567	hrawston@lbp.com	www.lbp.com	Lindamood-Bell programs have been shown to be a major contributing factor for student success in improving reading and comprehension abilities.	South Shore

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Advocacy, Basic Rights, and Regulations							
Disability Law Center		Boston	800-872-9992		www.dlc-ma.org/	Advocacy; Disability Rights; Laws;Regulations	Boston and surrounding suburbs
Federation for Children with Special Needs (FCSN)	Richard Robison, Director	Boston	800-331-0688		www.fcsn.org	Advocacy; Disability Rights; Laws;Regulations	Massachusetts
Mass. Advocates for Children		Boston	617-357-8431		www.massadvocates.org	Advocacy; Disability Rights; Laws;Regulations	Massachusetts
Parents for Residential Reform	Andrea Watson, Project Coordinator	Boston	800-331-0688		www.pfrr.org	Advocacy; Disability Rights; Laws;Regulations	Boston area; surrounding suburbs
Assistive Technology							
Kurzweil Educational Systems		Bedford	800-894-5374	info@kurzweilededu.com	www.kurzweilededu.com	We produce two important software products for individuals with learning difficulties and for those who are blind.	National
ADA Technical Assistance Center		Boston	800-949-4232		www.adaptenv.org	Assistive Technology, Adaptive Environments	Boston and surrounding suburbs
Institute for Community Inclusion		Boston	617-355-7443		www.childrenshospital.org/ici	Assistive Technology, Adaptive Environments	Boston and surrounding suburbs
MA Assistive Technology Center		Boston	800-848-8867		www.matp.org	Assistive Technology, Adaptive Environments	Boston and surrounding suburbs
Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic		Cambridge	617-577-1111		jdougherty@rfd.org	RFB&D is the nation's leading educational library serving people who cannot effectively read standard print due to a visual impairment, learning or other physical disability.	New England

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Brain & Head Injury							
MA Rehabilitation Commission Statewide Injury Program		Boston	617-204-3852		www.state.ma.us/mrc/ship/ship	Issues related to brain and head injury for families	Statewide
MA Brain Injury Association		Worcester	800-242-0030		www.mbia.net	Brain injury issues and topics for families, parents, students	Statewide

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Professionals and Services							
Cerebral Palsy							
United CP of Metro Boston		Watertown	617-926-5480			Cerebral palsy topics; impact on families, life	Statewide
Civil Rights in Education							
US Dept. of Education Office for Civil Rights		Boston	617-289-0111			Civil rights in education;Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act	Statewide
Deafness & Hard of Hearing							
MA Rehabilitation Commission		Boston	617-204-3600		www.state.ma.us/mrc	Services and information on deaf issues/services	Statewide
MA Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearnig		Boston, Plymouth, Springfield	617-740-1659		www.mass.gov/mcdhh	It is the mission of this organization to provide parents with unbiased information and support needed.	Statewide
MA Association for Deaf/Hard of Hearing		Malden	781-388-9114			Issues related to deafness and hard of hearing	Statewide
Developmental Disabilities							
MA Dept of Mental Retardation		Boston	617-727-5608		www.dmr.state.ma.us	Mental retardation, developmental disabilities	Statewide

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MA Developmental Disability Council		Boston	617-727-6374		www.state.ma.us/mddc	Mental retardation, developmental disabilities	Statewide
Arc Mass		Waltham	781-891-6270		www.arcmass.org	Advocacy , education and outreach on mental retardation and developmental disabilities	Statewide

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Professionals and Services							
Disabilities-General							
MA Developmental Disability Council		Boston	617-727-6374		www.state.ma.us/mddc	Mental retardation, developmental disabilities	Statewide
Americans with Disabilities Office		National	800-514-0301				National
Early Learning							
Early Learning Services % MA Department of Education		Malden	781-338-6357		www.doe.mass.edu	Early childhood learning	Statewide
Education							
The Learning Lab@Lesley		Cambridge	617-349-8570		www.lesley.edu/learninglab	Building bridges home/school; understanding disabilities; LD,ADHD,Asperger Syndrome; Bullying; assessments.	Boston, Cambridge and surrounding suburbs
MA Department of Education (DOE)		Malden	781-338-3000		www.doe.mass.edu	Education issues:MCAS, appeals, complaint process; mediation	Statewide
Commonwealth Learning Centers		Needham, Sudbury, Danvers	800-461-6671		www.commlearn.com	CLC offers educational assessments and evaluations. CLC provides supplemental education, and a nurturing learning environment that helps students develop their academic skill and improve school performance.	Needham, Sudbury, Danvers areas
MA Association of Special Education Parent Advisory Councils	Suzanne Gervais	Sharon	617-962-4558	info@masspac.org	www.masspac.org	Association for parents and councils with interest in disabilities and special education.	Statewide

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Epilepsy							
Epilepsy Foundation		Boston	888-576-9996			Epilepsy; facts; topics; interventions; school issues	Statewide
Family Issues; Parent to Parent Network							
Family TIES		Lakeville	508-947-1231		www.massfamilyties.org	Connections to families with children who have special needs; parent to parent information and support	Statewide
Learning Disabilities							
Kurzweil Educational Systems		Bedford	800-894-5374	info@kurzweiledu.com	www.kurzweiledu.com	We produce two important software products for individuals with learning difficulties and for those who are blind.	National
The Learning Lab		Cambridge	617-349-8570		www.lesley.edu/learninglab	Building bridges home/school; understanding disabilities; LD,ADHD,Asperger Syndrome; Bullying; assessments	Boston, Cambridge and surrounding suburbs
Commonwealth Learning Centers		Needham, Sudbury, Danvers	800-461-6671		www.commlearn.com	NVLD and social skills impact, multisensory programs, study skills, phonemic awareness, evaluations.	Needham Center: West Suburban, Boston. Sudbury Center: MetroWest, Danvers Center: North Shore.
Learning Disabilities Worldwide		Waltham	781-891-5009		www.ldworldwide.org	Learning disabilities	Waltham; surrounding areas; Boston
Mental Health							
Parent/Professional Advocacy League		Boston	617-542-7860	info@ppal.net	www.ppal.net	Mental health issues for students, adolescents, families; school issues	Statewide

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National Mental Health Association-MA		Woburn	781-938-4048		www.namimass.org	Mental health issues for students, adolescents, families; school issues	Statewide

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Mental Retardation & Related Disabilities							
MA Dept of Mental Retardation		Boston	617-727-5608		www.dmr.state.ma.us	Mental retardation, developmental disabilities	Statewide
MA Developmental Disability Council		Boston	617-727-6374		www.state.ma.us/mddc	Mental retardation, developmental disabilities	Statewide
Arc Mass		Waltham	781-891-6270		www.arcmass.org	Advocacy , education and outreach on mental retardation and developmental disabilities	Statewide
Parent Information & Training							
Federation for Children with Special Needs (FCSN)		Boston	800-331-068		www.fcsn.org	Advocacy; Disability Rights; Laws;Regulations	Statewide
Parents for Residential Reform		Boston	800-331-0688		www.pfrr.org	Advocacy; Disability Rights; Laws;Regulations	Statewide
Family TIES		Lakeville	508-947-1231		www.massfamilyties.org	Connections to families with children who have special needs; parent to parent information and support	Statewide
MA Association of Special Education Parent Advisory Councils	Suzanne Gervais	Sharon	617-962-4558	info@masspac.org	www.masspac.org	Association for parents and councils with interest in disabilities and special education.	Statewide
Rehabilitation							
MA Rehabilitation Commission		Boston	617-204-3600		www.state.ma.us/mrc	Rehabilitation issues and concerns	Statewide

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Schools, Residential & Special Education Programs							
Parents for Residential Reform		Boston	800-331-0688		www.pfrr.org	Advocacy; Disability Rights; Residential, schools & programs	Boston area; surrounding suburbs
Community Care Services		Taunton	508-821-7777		www.communitycareservices.org	Southeast Alternative Schools with specialized academic instruction, therapy and behavioral supports.	Berkley, Hyannis, Middleboro
Mass. Association of 766 Approved Private Schools-MAAPS		Wakefield	781-245-1220		www.maaps.org	Private schools in special education association	Statewide
Social Skills							
Commonwealth Learning Centers		Needham, Sudbury, Danvers	800-461-6671		www.commlearn.com	NVLD and social skills impact, multisensory programs, study skills, phonemic awareness, evaluations.	Needham Center: West Suburban, Boston. Sudbury Center: MetroWest, Danvers Center: North Shore.
Turning 22; Transitional Planning							
Bureau of Transitional Planning		Boston	617-727-7600			Transitional planning program for special education to adult life.	Statewide
Federation for Children with Special Needs		Boston	800-331-068		www.fcsn.org	Advocacy; Disability Rights; Laws; Regulations	Statewide
MA Rehabilitation Commission		Boston	617-204-3600		www.state.ma.us/mrc	Turning 22 program; supported work programs; extended employment; independent living	Statewide
Vocational							

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