



Get the answers you need.

Michigan Alliance for Families assists parents in understanding their special education rights and protections, communicating their children's needs and finding information to help their children develop and learn. We offer information and referrals on disability and special education issues involving children and young adults from birth to age 26.

Michigan Alliance for Families can help you better understand topics such as:

- Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- Programs and services
- Accommodations and modifications
- Assistive technology
- Eligibility and evaluation
- Inclusion and least restrictive environment (LRE)
- Positive behavior intervention supports
- Rights and responsibilities
- Suspension/expulsion
- Transition

Michigan Alliance for Families provides resources and information at no cost. Many of these resources are also available in Spanish and Arabic.

You're not alone.

Michigan Alliance for Families staff understand the special education process. If you have a question or need help with a special education matter, please contact the Michigan Alliance for Families.



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Your Guide to Special Education



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“We are here to help you become the best advocate you can be for your children.”

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Personalized one-on-one support you can trust.

Our parent mentors do not diagnose a student’s disability, but they can help parents get the answers they need. Michigan Alliance for Families can:

- Help parents understand their special education rights and protections.
- Teach parents how to advocate for their child.
- Help problem-solve special education issues.
- Provide information about local, state and national resources.
- Mentor existing and emerging parent leaders.
- Provide free workshops and online learning opportunities for parents of children with disabilities and the professionals working with them.

We know what you’re going through.

Being a parent isn’t easy. Being a parent of a child with a disability can be even more challenging because you have to navigate the world of special education. That’s why we’re here. Michigan Alliance for Families (MAF) is your guide to special education.

Talk to someone who’s been there.

We understand what you’re going through because we’ve been there. Our parent mentors have experienced the special education system firsthand; now they support parents of children receiving (or who may be eligible to receive) special education services. When you have a question about your child’s special education program — or need information on disabilities and workshops — talking with another person who has experienced similar issues can help.

Contact Michigan Alliance for Families if you:

- ... have a question about your child’s special education program.
- ... would like information about your child’s disability.
- ... need help finding special education resources.
- ... are interested in finding a workshop near you.
- ... would like to register for an online webinar.