

Our July 2024 Newsletter

The Team Shawnie Advocacy Group is a non-profit organization run by families with special needs children. We are parents, educators, organizers, and volunteers who share a common goal, the safety of our children at the hands of others.



Team Shawnie gives a heartwarming welcome to our new team members!



New Team Members

We are thrilled to welcome **Samantha Clarkin** (Advocate/ Special Education/ IEP Specialist / Behavioral Therapist / Certified Health & Wellness), **Kim Apuzzo** (Advocate / Special Education / IEP Specialist / WRS Certified / Wilson Dyslexia Practitioner) and **Kaitlyn Gorton** (Advocate / Bridgewater State University / Clinical Psychology / Behavior Therapist) to the Team Shawnie Advocacy Group!

Their expertise and dedication to Autism advocacy will be invaluable to our organization. Samantha, Kim, and Kaitlyn bring a wealth of knowledge and passion that will help us continue to provide exceptional support to families in need. We are excited to have them on board and look forward to the incredible work we will accomplish together.

Welcome to the team ladies!



Employment Opportunity: Per Diem Social Media Assistant

Are you passionate about Autism advocacy and social media? Team Shawnie Advocacy Group is seeking a dedicated per diem Social Media Assistant to help enhance our online presence. Responsibilities include posting engaging content, interacting with other Autism agencies' social media postings, and fostering an inclusive online community.

If you have a knack for social media and a heart for advocacy, we'd love to hear from you! Join us in making a positive impact.

To apply contact us at: info@teamshawniegroup.com



Summer 2024 Fundraiser!

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Become a fighter for children on the spectrum

This summer, we are launching a vital fundraiser campaign to support special needs families with essential advocacy services. For literally just cents a day, each donor can contribute to providing 1,200 hours of advocacy services per year.

Our summer goal is to add **100** recurring donors to our campaign, which would make a significant impact on the lives of families in need. Your contribution can bring about big changes, ensuring these families receive the support and representation they deserve. Join us in our mission and make a difference this summer.

Your generosity can make a significant difference in the lives of these families, offering them hope and the resources they need to thrive. Donate today and be a part of this impactful cause. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our cause.



For more info please visit us at <u>www.teamshawniegroup.org</u>



Recent Donors

We would like to say thank you to our recent donors Anastasia Stande, David & Terri Urbanowicz, and Jessica Garvey. Their continuous support is making a significant difference in the lives of special needs families.





Why We Do What We Do

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We are immensely grateful to be advocates, as it allows us to make a meaningful difference in the lives of special needs families. Being able to provide support, guidance, and representation during challenging times is both an honor and a privilege. The testimonials from our clients reflect the impact of our work and inspire us to continue our mission with dedication and passion. Thank you for trusting us to be a part of your journey.

Testimonial 1 - Massachussetts Family

"Thank you to our State Representative for your help in assisting us in getting an out-of-district placement for our son, Matthew. You connected us with the wonderful agency, Team Shawnie Advocacy Group, that has helped us with the placement. They stepped up when no one else would, and made the impossible possible. We are very grateful to you and Team Shawnie for helping our family."

Testimonial 2 - Massachussetts Family

"I just wanted to thank everyone again and give you a quick update. Our son is having the best week ever in school. All the students have been amazing to him, both boys and girls. He says everyone talks to him including him in conversations and he said the kids are so different than anything I've ever experienced. Everyone, from boys and girls, talks with him in class. He is making friends, he also likes his lunch table.

"It is like a whole new lease on life for our son. I can't thank you enough."

Testimonial 3 - Massachussetts Family

"Thank you guys so much! We couldn't be more blessed with the team we have by our side for our son. Thanks for always being there and working alongside us through this placement. I look forward to a long-time relationship with you guys! Thank you again for being a blessing to us!"

Please Share & Like Team Shawnie's Social Media Outlets

When you "Like" you stay informed, when you "Share" you inform others

We kindly ask you to share and like our social media postings to help spread awareness about Autism and the vital advocacy work we do. Each like and share increases our reach, allowing more families in need to discover our services and find the support they deserve. Your engagement helps build a stronger, more informed community, making a real difference in the lives of those we serve.

Please Share & Like and thank you for your continued support!



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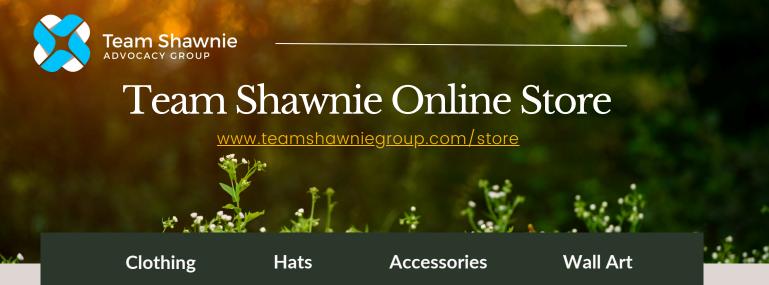
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Shawnie's Podcast Series



The Shawnie Story Podcast

We are excited to introduce our podcast series, "The Shawnie Story." This six-episode series delves into the inspiring journey of Shawnie, the incredible autistic young man who is the heart and soul behind our Advocacy group. Through these episodes, you'll learn about Shawnie's challenges, triumphs, and the profound impact he has had on our mission. Join us as we share his story, offering insights, hope, and inspiration to families and advocates in the Autism community.

You can listen to Shawnie's podcast by going to our main website teamshawniegroup.org or going to <u>https://teamshawniegroup.com/podcast-series/</u> as well.

You can also find The Shawnie Story podcast on our YouTube channel. Copy and Paste this link to go to our podcast: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vVWAR_A30_U</u>