



Team Shawnie
ADVOCACY GROUP

Fall 2024 Newsletter

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WE FIGHT YOUR FIGHT!

Join the Fight for Children on the Autism Spectrum

This Fall we are holding a crucial fundraiser dedicated to supporting special needs families with much-needed advocacy services. With your help, we can continue ensuring that children with special needs receive the proper education they deserve in a safe and supportive environment.

Our goal for the Fall is to welcome 100 new donors to join us in making a meaningful impact on these families' lives. Even a small daily contribution can lead to big changes, providing the representation and assistance these families need. Help us in our mission to make a difference this Fall.

Whether you can give \$5 a month, \$10 a month, or a one-time donation, every contribution counts. We deeply appreciate your support in helping us advocate for children with special needs.

 To make a contribution please go to:
<https://givebutter.com/nl8a4E>



Most Recent Donors

We would like to say thank you to our recent donors Ray Turcotte - Coldwell Banker, Celeste Fournier, Blu Sky Real Estate, Michael Lima, Law Office of Michael C. Lima as well as the Kiwanis Organization's generous contribution which was facilitated by our team member Bernadette Loiselle. Their continuous support is making a significant difference in the lives of special needs families.



Our Founder's Corner

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Chef Shawnie

Shawnie has been showing much interest in cooking lately. He loves to pick recipes on Pinterest, shop for ingredients, and then make his recipes for his family.





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What is the Shawnie Bill?



Placement

It ensures residential service placement within 30 days once the child becomes eligible for placement.



Funding

It creates an emergency fund for placement and payment of a disabled child or adolescent in a residential care facility.



Permission

It gives final authority to the parents or guardians of the child as to which residential treatment facility the child will attend.

State Representative Steven Howitt will be resubmitting the Shawnie Bill in January 2025 - reach out to him to voice your support

For more info please visit our official site or contact us at:
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How our team works

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THE PROCESS

Supporting a special needs family in crisis is a multi-faceted process that involves numerous steps. It typically begins with an initial meeting with our experienced advocates, where we carefully listen to the family's concerns, needs, and goals. This conversation helps us tailor a personalized plan of action. We guide families through the often complex paperwork and documentation required, which might involve IEPs (Individualized Education Programs), therapy schedules, or medical records, among others. Once the paperwork is organized, our advocates represent the family in meetings with school districts and other agencies, ensuring that their unique requirements are heard and addressed. Throughout the process, we provide unwavering support, offering resources, expertise, and emotional assistance to help the family navigate challenges and achieve the best possible outcomes.

We collaborate closely with families, empowering them to advocate effectively for their special needs child, creating a more inclusive and supportive environment for all. Our advocacy approach at the Team Shawnie Group is encapsulated by the acronym D.A.I.R. - Discussion, Action, Implementation, and Results. We are a proactive agency dedicated to achieving successful outcomes, ensuring families receive top-tier equity representation in their interactions with school districts and other agencies.

OUR CONTRIBUTORS MAKE IT HAPPEN!

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to everyone who has been contributing in one way or another to the Team Shawnie Advocacy Group. Your continuing support is essential in helping us to continue our mission of promoting not only acceptance but also support, and inclusion for individuals on the Autism spectrum. These contributions allow us to enlist the expertise of professionals and specialists who can offer tailored guidance, therapies, and resources.

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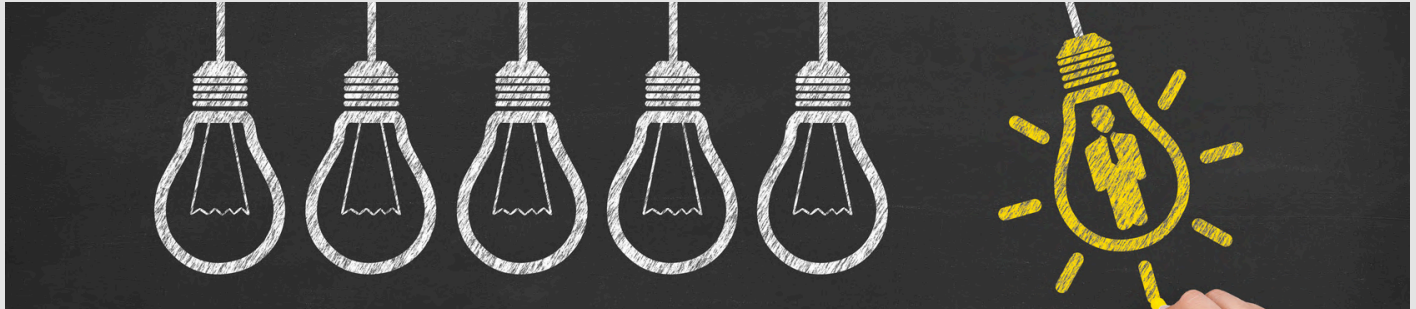
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Autism Advocacy Resources

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Good To Know Resources

Autism advocacy resources play a crucial role in providing support, guidance, and vital information to individuals, families, and communities affected by Autism. These resources serve as invaluable tools for raising awareness, promoting understanding, and facilitating access to essential services and support networks. For a complete list of resources please visit us at: <https://teamshawniegroupp.com/resources-2/>

File A Complaint With The Massachusetts Department Of Elementary And Secondary Education (DESE)

https://massgov.service-now.com/pqa?id=eo_eitem_form&sys_id=7a7dcfe6dbad7b00d272f12cbf96199d

How To Request For Mediation

<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/request-for-mediation>

Massachusetts Residential Schools

A listing of all special education schools in Massachusetts. Join the MAAP Action network.

<https://maaps.org/school-directory/>

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<https://maaps.org/school-directory/?page=1>

Rhode Island Special Education Schools

A listing of all special education schools in Rhode Island.

<https://ri.medicalhomeportal.org/services/category/285>

Wrights Law - Special Education Law & Advocacy

Wrightslaw is the perfect place for accurate, up-to-date information about special education law and advocacy for children with disabilities.

<https://wrightslaw.com>

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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