

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Organization Name	Description	Website	Contact Information
Advocates for Justice and Education	The mission of Advocates for Justice and Education is to educate parents, youth and community about the laws governing public education, specifically for children with special needs. We seek to empower youth and parents to be effective advocates on behalf of their children to ensure that they receive an appropriate education	http://www.aje-dc.org/	(202) 678-8060
American University -- Disability Rights Law Clinic	The DRLC represents clients in special education matters in Washington, DC; admission/commitment cases (as either counsel or guardian ad litem); cases arising under Titles I-III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, regarding discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, state and local services and public accommodations; grievance proceedings within the DC Department of Mental Health; guardianship proceedings; transactional matters, such as home purchases and applications for 501 (c)(3) status; immigration matters; and so on.	https://www.wcl.american.edu/clinical/disability.cfm	(202) 274-4000
Children's Law Center	Nonprofit corporation providing free legal services to children, families and foster caregivers in the District of Columbia.	http://childrenslawcenter.org	(202) 467-4900
DC Public Charter School Board – Special Education	Our goal is to ensure that students and families in Washington, DC have access to quality public charter school education. We do that by setting tough academic standards, using a comprehensive charter application review process and effective oversight, providing meaningful support and actively involving parents, school leaders, the community, and policy makers.	https://dcpcsb.org/special-student-populations	(202) 328-2660
DC Special Education Cooperative	The Co-op fills a unique community need in DC by working with teachers, school leaders, and across charter schools to improve educational services for students with disabilities. By pooling resources between independent charter schools, the Co-op also acts as a “central office” for DCPCS spread throughout the city serving a diverse range of students.	http://specialedcoop.org	(202) 656-2667
DC Special Education Hub	The DC Special Education Hub helps families understand special education in the District of Columbia. Their knowledgeable team connects families with tools, information, and 1:1 support so families can make informed decisions to guide their child’s learning.	https://specialeducation.dc.gov/	(202) 671-2890
DCPS -- Office of Special Education	DCPS-Office of Special Education's goal is to provide high quality inclusion and special education services, and to dramatically improve academic outcomes for students with disabilities. Our four strategic goals are to: Increase academic achievement Include more students Involve families in their child's success Prepare students for college and the workforce.	https://dcps.dc.gov/specialeducation	(202) 442-5885

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DCPS -- Special Education Resources for Parents	We're committed to helping all students become successful adults holding good jobs, living independently and engaging in the community. An important component of achieving these goals is ensuring that our schools are inclusive schools that can serve the needs of all our students.	http://dcps.dc.gov/page/special-education-resources-parents	(202) 442-5885
National Association of Parents with Children in Special Education	The National Association of Parents with Children in Special Education (NAPCSE) is a national membership organization dedicated to rendering all possible support and assistance to parents whose children receive special education services, both in and outside of school. NAPCSE was founded for parents with children with special needs to promote a sense of community and provide a national forum for their ideas.	http://www.napcse.org/	800-754-4421
OSSE -- Office of Dispute Resolution	The Office of Dispute Resolution within the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is responsible for the conduct of special education due process hearings.	http://osse.dc.gov/service/office-dispute-resolution-odr	(202) 698-3819
OSSE Specialized Education	OSSE's Division of Specialized Education (DSE) is responsible for overseeing the development and promulgation of state policy governing special education; monitoring LEAs for compliance with IDEA as well as other federal and local regulations and court-ordered consent decrees; allocation and administration of IDEA grant funds to LEAs and other public agencies; provision of training and technical assistance to LEAs; and investigation and resolution of state complaints relating to special education.	https://osse.dc.gov/service/specialized-education-resources	(202) 741-0227
Pacer Center	The mission of PACER Center (Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights) is to expand opportunities and enhance the quality of life of children and young adults with disabilities and their families, based on the concept of parents helping parents.	http://www.pacer.org/	(952) 838-9000
School Talk	Founded in 2008, SchoolTalk, Inc. is a District of Columbia-based nonprofit that supports the D.C. education community in collaboratively addressing complex challenges and creating practical solutions for assisting youth of all abilities to achieve success. SchoolTalk's programs actively work to improve postsecondary outcomes for youth through both proactive initiatives—such as youth leadership and mentoring, skill-building, and workforce development—and direct intervention to resolve issues in productive ways, such as mediation and restorative justice. SchoolTalk has two key program areas: Inclusive Education and Restorative Justice.	www.schooltalkdc.org	(202) 907-6887
SpecialEducationGuide.com	SpecialEducationGuide.com is the go-to online resource for parents and educators who want to master the terminology, procedures and best practices in special education. Our expert writers cover everything from early intervention to ISFPs; IEPs and RTI, inclusion, classroom and behavior management; disability profiles for each category under IDEA and a Special Education Dictionary to master "SPED" jargon.	https://www.specialeducationguide.com/	olm@wiley.com.
University Legal Services Disability Rights DC	University Legal Services is a private, non-profit organization that serves as the District of Columbia's federally mandated protection and advocacy system for the human, legal and service rights of people with disabilities.	http://www.uls-dc.org/protection-and-advocacy-program/disability-rights-dc/	(202) 547-4747