



Advocacy and Legal Assistance				
Organization	Service Description	Address	Phone number	Website
Academic-Autistic Spectrum Partnership in Research and Education (AASPIRE)	Provides information on Autism, healthcare, health tips, medical information, and your healthcare rights. Also has worksheets and forms used to assist individuals with self-advocacy when meeting with healthcare providers.	1600 SW Fourth Avenue, Suite 900, Portland, OR 97201	1-503-725-9603	https://autismandhealth.org/
African Caribbean American Parents of Children with Disabilities (AFCAMP)	Has resources for parents of children with disabilities related to advocacy, education, resources and support in the areas of special education, disability, juvenile justice, and health equity.	49 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT 06105	860-548-9959	https://www.afcamp.org/
Andrew Arboe: Autistic Self-Advocate and Speaker	Andrew Arboe is a self-advocate and public speaker whose motivation is to empower autistic individuals, families, and professionals to start building up their futures. Types of presentations include In-person workshops in the New England states like Connecticut and Massachusetts, Panel, Webinars, Professional development for schools, Conferences, and Keynote Presentations. Topics include but are not limited to driving, employment/self-employment, sensory needs, and transition to adulthood.	n/a	n/a	https://andrewarboe.weebly.com/
Ari of Connecticut	Assists with school to adult life transition services.	174 Richmond Hill Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902	203-324-9258	https://www.arict.org/
Autism Services & Resources Connecticut (ASRC)	Assists with advocacy, training and family support.	41 Marne Street, Hamden CT 06514	203-265-7717	https://ct-asrc.org/
Autism Speaks	Advocacy Toolkit- provides basic information about advocacy skills and ways to apply these skills in different situations	n/a	1-888-288-4762	https://www.autismspeaks.org/toolkit/advocacy-tool-kit

Center for Children's Advocacy	The Medical-Legal Partnership Project advocacy and representation to improve the health and welfare of children. The areas of assistance includes matters affecting the children's health, education and welfare. Representatives are on site at Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Yale New Haven Health, and Yale Child Study Center.	Hartford- 2074 Park Street, Hartford, CT 06106; Bridgeport- 211 State Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604; Yale New Haven Hospital; CT Children's Medical Center	Hartford- (860) 570-5327; Bridgeport- (203) 335-0719; CCA at CT Children's Medical Center- (860) 545-8581; CCA at Yale New Haven Hospital- (203) 688-0113	https://cca-ct.org/
Center for Medicare Advocacy	The Center offers legal advice, advocacy, community education and information on Medicare and related issues, including assistance with Medicare appeals. The Center also answers questions about changes to Medicare coverage, including Medicare prescription drug coverage.	Connecticut Office- P.O. Box 350 Willimantic, CT 06226	86-456-7790 or 1-800-262-4414	https://www.medicareadvocacy.org/
CT Association of Centers for Independent Living (CACIL)	Core services of the Centers for independent Living include 1. Information & referral, 2. Independent living skills training, 3. Peer Mentoring and Networking, 4. Advocacy, 5. Nursing facility transition, 6. Youth transition to higher education or employment	Various locations	203-378-6977	https://cacil.net/
Child Development Infoline	Helps families learn to advocate for appropriate health and educational services. Advises parents of children with disabilities or with special health care needs of their rights under the law with regard to obtaining needed services or equipment in educational settings. Directs parents to the appropriate resources to assist with information on health care financing and SSI.	1344 Silas Deane Highway #306, Rocky Hill, CT 06067	1-800-505-7000	https://cdi.211ct.org/
Connecticut Bar Association	Offers civics education programs for students in grades k-12, a virtual legal advice clinic for low-income Connecticut residents, help with finding a probono attorney for a legal matter, and much more. Visit the website to learn about the different array of services.	30 Bank Street, New Britain, CT 06051	860-223-4400	www.ctbar.org
Connecticut Families for Effective Autism Treatment (CT FEAT)	Provides legal resources related to education and links to legal and advocacy resources	P.O. Box 7063 Prospect, CT 06712	n/a	www.ctfeat.org
Connecticut Family Support Network (CTFSN)	Agency provides direct support to individuals and families by sharing information and resources that empower people to make their voices heard and become their own best advocate.	377 Hubbard Street #1, Glastonbury, CT 06033	860-744-4074	www.ctfsn.org

Connecticut Legal Services	Provides legal advice and representation for people who are low income in the areas of housing and homeless prevention, employment, education and keeping at-risk children safe at school, family law and response to domestic violence, elder rights, health, safety, public benefits, disability rights, consumer rights, and immigration rights for victims of domestic violence and unaccompanied minors.	Administrative Office- 62 Washington Street, 4th Floor Middletown, CT 06457. Locations vary.	860-344-0447	https://ctlegal.org/
Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC)	Is a statewide non-profit organization that offers information and support to families of children with disabilities ages birth to 26. The variety of supports and programs is intended to improve the educational outcomes for children with disabilities.	5 Shaws Cove, Suite 102, New London, CT 06320	860-739-3089	www.cpacinc.org
She Leads Justice (formerly Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund)	Agency works to ensure equal access to legal, education and social service systems. Agency provides workshops to educated individuals of their rights in areas of family law, employment and education.	PO Box 320460, Hartford, CT 06132	860-247-6090	https://www.cwealf.org/
CTLawHelp.org	Several Statewide Legal Services agencies have collaborated to provide this user friendly, self-help guide to special education law, benefits, housing, family law, immigration and citizenship, LGBTQ+, medical and healthcare, and more.	n/a	1-800-453-3320	https://ctlawhelp.org/en/special-education-in-connecticut
Disabilities Network of Eastern CT, Inc.	Agency provides advocacy support with issues such as obtaining benefits, social services, access to public facilities, employment, education, and communication discrimination	860-823-1898	19 Ohio Avenue, Norwich, CT 06360	https://www.dnec.org/
Disability Rights CT, Inc	Disability Rights Connecticut, Inc. (DRCT) is an advocacy organization providing legal advocacy and rights protection for individuals with disabilities. Areas of concern include but are not limited to issues with abuse, neglect, discrimination, access to assistive technologies, community integration, voting, and rights protection issues.	75 Charter Oak Avenue, Suite 1-101, Hartford, CT 06106	1-800-842-7303	https://www.disrightsct.org/
Family Advocacy Program (FAVOR)	Offers training, technical assistance, information and resources, and support to parents and caregivers with children with special mental, emotional, and behavioral health challenges and/or developmental and intellectual disabilities.	185 Silas Deane Highway Wethersfield, CT 06109	860-563-3232	www.favor-ct.org
The FAP- Friends of Autistic People	Is an Autism Education and Advocacy organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults with autism spectrum disorders and their families- in particular those from financially struggling families.	974 North Street, Greenwich, CT	203-661-8510	https://www.autisticadults.org/
Independence Unlimited	Independence Unlimited Youth Transitions Project increases the participation of youth with disabilities and their parents in the process of planning for their transition into adulthood.	151 New Park Ave., North Annex suite D, Hartford, CT 06106	860-523-5021	https://www.independenceunlimited.org/index.php/our-programs/youth-transitions

Job Accommodation Network	The Job Accommodation Network (JAN) offers free, expert, and confidential guidance on workplace accommodations and disability employment issues.	PO Box 6080, Morgantown, WV 26506	1-800-526-7234	https://askjan.org/
National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making	A resource individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities can use to help create Supported Decision-Making plans, connect with resources, and answer questions.	n/a	202-448-1448	http://www.supporteddecisionmaking.org/about
Office of the Healthcare Advocate (OHA)	Provides free advocacy and assistance to resolve healthcare and insurance issues	P.O. Box 1543 Hartford, CT 06144	1-866-466-4446	https://www.ct.gov/oha/site/default.asp
Organization For Autism Research	Life Journey through Autism: Navigating the Special Education System	2111 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 401, Arlington, VA 22201	1-866-366-9710	https://researchautism.org/resources/navigating-the-special-education-system/?utm_source=OARacle+Newsletter+Subscribers&utm_campaign=d67ea08004-Week+of+Apr+10+-Resource+Last+Call+Eblast-AAM+2017&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_132914a232-d67ea08004-171428105
LARC Autism Resource Center	LARC Autism Resource Center provides services and supports recognized as being beneficial to children and youth with ASD. The center offers opportunities for socialization, special events, parental support, financial and legal resources. Social groups provide opportunities for children and youth to engage in activities that promote socialization, support with individual goals as well as form friendships.	314 Main Street, Torrington, CT 06790	860-482-9364	https://www.litchfieldarc.org/larc-autism-resource-center.html
Path Parent-to-Parent Family Voices of CT	Assist families with educational navigation and support. Can also refer to an advocate outside of PATH. Provides healthcare related information.	PO Box 117 Northford, CT 06472	1-800-399-PATH	www.pathct.org
Pathfinders for Autism	A Maryland-based website offering "Parent Tips" articles on a variety of topics	235 Schilling Circle, Suite 103, Hunt Valley, MD 21031	1-443-330-5370	https://pathfindersforautism.org/
Plan of CT	PLAN of CT currently partners with over 180 attorneys across the state. Explore their interactive map to find a PLAN Professional Member local to you. After meeting with the Outreach Coordinator, families interested in establishing a PLAN of CT Special Needs Trust will next want to determine which Professional Member Attorney is the best fit for your family. They encourage you to contact these attorneys directly regarding their area of practice.	P.O. Box 290937 Wethersfield, CT 06129- 0937	860-523-4951	https://www.planofct.org/

Spanish Community of Wallingford	Support groups help parents learn skills to appropriately advocate for their families.	284 Washington Street, Wallingford, CT 06492	203-265-5866	http://www.scowinc.org/
Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities	Organization provides information and support to parents of children with learning disabilities or attention deficit disorders through their website, blog, regional educational programs or through its e-newsletter. Individuals can register for the e-newsletter via the website.	161 East Avenue, Suite 104, Norwalk CT, 06851	203-226-6831	https://www.smartkidswithld.org/
Special Education and Legal Fund(SELF)	Special Education Legal Fund (S.E.L.F.) was founded by parents who have navigated the special education system for their children, for parents who may need financial support to secure legal assistance for their own children in special education	P.O. Box 7855, Greenwich, CT 06836	n/a	https://spedlegalfund.org/
Special Needs Alliance	The Special Needs Alliance (SNA) is a national organization comprised of attorneys who practice disability and public benefits law. They can advise you about qualifying and applying for appropriate public benefits, estate planning, tax planning, trust planning, advance directives, creating special needs trusts (SNTs) to protect eligibility for means-tested government programs, availability of local services and supports, special education issues, guardianship and powers of attorney just to name a few.	7739 E. Broadway Blvd. #362, Tucson, AZ 85710	n/a	https://www.specialneedsalliance.org/
Spednet	Is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping parents of children with special needs become their children's best advocates throughout the special services process and the transition to college, employment or other post-secondary pursuits. They serve parents of children who have been diagnosed with a disability and receive services through an IEP or a Section 504 Plan, who are newly diagnosed, or who are struggling and have yet to be diagnosed.	44 Harborview Avenue Norwalk, CT 06854	n/a	https://spednet.org/
State of Connecticut Department of Education	The Surrogate Parent Program appoints individuals as surrogate parents and provides education advocacy for children and youth under the Jurisdiction of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) (foster children) or unaccompanied minor or homeless youth who need or may need special education.	450 Columbus Blvd., Suite 604, Hartford, CT 06103	860-713-6910	https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Special-Education/Surrogate-Parent-Program
Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut	Advocacy, legal representation, advice, and information for all education related issues for people with low income	n/a	1-800-453-3320	https://www.slscct.org/
The ARC	Arc Connecticut advocacy programs are intended to support, promote and protect the civil and human rights of people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.	200 Research Parkway, Meriden, CT 06450	203-514-3028	https://thearcct.org/
The Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA)	COPAA is an independent non-profit organization of attorneys, advocates, and parents that work to protect the legal and civil rights of students with disabilities.	P.O. Box 6767, Townson, Maryland 21285	n/a	https://www.copaa.org/default.aspx

Wrightslaw	A website where individuals can access information about special education law, education law, and advocacy resources for children with disabilities.	n/a	n/a	https://www.wrightslaw.com/
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