

About IncludeNJ

IncludeNJ is dedicated to supporting and empowering families of students with disabilities by advocating, networking, and educating them about inclusion. Our goal is to ensure that every student has access to inclusive education and receives the support they need to thrive.

We offer a tiered system of resources, coaching, support, and advocacy to ensure accessibility for all families.

MISSION

IncludeNJ's mission is to support parents, guardians, caregivers, and families to advocate for inclusion, equity, and belonging in education for students with disabilities ages 3 to 21.

Includes a review of the student's IEP and related documentation, a list of recommendations to advocate for inclusive opportunities, and resources to support caregivers in interactions with school and district personnel.

Tier 2: Sliding Scale

Our support team will act as an advocate if Tier 1 fails to resolve the challenges to the student's right to inclusive education. On behalf of the student and family, the advocate will attend meetings and communicate with school and district personnel.

Tier 3: Legal Referral

Referrals to vetted attorneys who champion inclusive education.

Expertise in Inclusive Education

Challenges and roadblocks often hinder collaboration between parents and school leaders in creating inclusive student education. Drawing from experience as former school leaders, IncludeNJ's team of experts is passionate about breaking down these barriers. To support parents in establishing a cooperative partnership with their child's school, they provide advocacy, resources, and education designed to help parents navigate the education system more effectively.









Details on Tiered Services

Tier 1: Consultation

- Address parental concerns and questions
- Review all documentation and help revise IEPs
- Share information on special education laws and procedures
- **Recommend effective strategies for inclusion** and assist parents in requests for services
- Assist in planning parent letters to the school district
- Provide referrals to a network of other IncludeNJ parents, training, and advocacy support resources

Tier 1 services of up to 10 hours are provided to all families at no cost.

Tier 2: Advocacy

- In-depth review of IEP/504 and evaluation paperwork
- Attendance at IEP/504 and mediation meetings
- IEP preparation and goal setting
- **Recommendations for assessments to request** from your school district
- Assist with documentation
- Preparation for due process

Tier 2 services are provided on a sliding scale based on Free / Reduced Lunch Income Eligibility Guidelines.

Free - \$100 Per Hour



"Each meeting we got emotional, frustrated, and reached a dead end with [the school]. You gave us hope for a better life for our child."



"It is because of IncludeNJ my children are receiving all of the services they are entitled to and they have guided, supported and empowered me every step of the way. I could never thank them enough."



"The parent information page on Facebook has helped me connect with other parents and is full of helpful information. Thank you, IncludeNJ you have helped in more ways than you know."





Please consider joining the movement and collaborating with others with similar experiences to support inclusive education.







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