

A Resource Guide for Families of Children with Disabilities

Dover Area School District



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Parent Tips

Finding out that your child has a disability may bring about strong emotions such as feelings of anger, fear for your child's future successes, worry, or doubt about what to do next. Ask for help. Don't expect to know everything or be able to do everything by yourself.

- 1) Learn all that you can about your child's disability
 - Understand acronyms and definitions
 - Utilize books and online resources
 - Access national and local support groups

- 2) Establish a working partnership; collaborate often with the school team.
 - Regular and consistent communication with the school team is an important way to monitor your child's progress and ensure that any questions that you have are answered.
 - Attend all meetings. You are an integral part of the team.

- 3) Encourage the development of healthy self-esteem
 - Listen to your child's hopes, fears, doubts, and dreams
 - Give praise for little and big successes
 - Save past work and point out improvements
 - Let your child help around the house to build confidence
 - Set routines

Education ABCs

ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ALD	Assistive Listening Device
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
ASL	American Sign Language
AT	Assistive Technology
BIP	Behavioral Intervention Plan
CASSP	Child & Adolescent Service System Program
ED	Emotional Disturbance
EI	Early Intervention
ELL	English Language Learners
ER	Evaluation Report
ESY	Extended School Year
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
FBA	Functional Behavior Assessment
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation
IEP	Individualized Education Program
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
MA	Medical Assistance
MD	Multiple Disabilities

NOREP	Notice of Recommended Educational Placement
OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OHI	Other Health Impairment
OT	Occupational Therapy
OVR	Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
PASA	Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment
PaTTAN	Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network
PDE	Pennsylvania Department of Education
PSSA	Pennsylvania System of School Assessment
PT	Physical Therapy
PVAAS	Pennsylvania Value Added Assessment System
RtI	Response to Intervention
SDI	Specially Designed Instruction
SLD	Specific Learning Disability

Glossary of Special Education Terms

1. **Accommodations**-Techniques and materials that enable a student to participate in the educational program to assist the student being able to learn and show what they know without changing the basic curriculum.
2. **Assistive Technology Device**-A piece of equipment or product which is used to increase, maintain, or improve the way a student with a disability interacts and communicates with the world around them. This does not include a medical device that is surgically implanted.
3. **Advocacy**-Communicating and promoting the rights, needs, and interests of the child on behalf of the child.
4. **Chapter 14**-The Pennsylvania state law pertaining to the delivery of special education services and programs.
5. **Evaluation Report (ER)**-The report that is compiled and written by the evaluation team. It describes all of the information gathered from the team members, including the results of assessment. From the report, the evaluation team determines the student's eligibility and need for special education programs.
6. **Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)**-The idea that public school students with disabilities are entitled by law to an education program (based on an IEP) and related services to meet unique educational needs free of charge to the parents.
7. **Functional Behavior Assessment**-a process to collect information and data to try to determine why a student may be displaying a certain behavior or pattern of behaviors.
8. **General Education**-Regular classroom instruction.
9. **Individualized Education Program (IEP)**-The plan written by the IEP team that specifically describes the programs and services necessary for a free appropriate public education for a student with a disability.
10. **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)**-The federal law which governs the provision of special education services and the rights of parents of a child with a disability.
11. **Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)**-Students eligible for special education will be educated to the maximum extent appropriate, with students who do not have a disability.
12. **Manifestation Determination**-a review of all relevant information in the student's file, including the IEP, teacher observations, and any relevant information provided by the parents to determine if the conduct in question was caused by, or had a direct and substantial relationship to the child's disability or if the conduct in question was the direct result of the school's failure to implement the student's IEP.
13. **Notice of Recommended Educational Placement (NOREP)**-The form issued to parents to inform them of the placement recommended by the IEP team.

14. **Related Services**-Services that are necessary to provide specially designed instruction to ensure the student benefits from the special education programs. Examples are; special transportation, speech therapy, occupational therapy...
15. **Specially Designed Instruction (SDI)**-Adapting the content, methods, or delivery of the instruction as is appropriate based on the unique needs of the student.
16. **Transition Services**-Specific planning that helps prepare the student to participate more effectively in higher education or job training, community participation, independent living, continuing and adult education, and employment when the leave high school.

Resources to Assist Families of Children with Disabilities

AHEDD

(717) 840-6202
2550 Kingston Rd. Suite 225, York, Pa 17402

Asperger Parent Group

(717) 801-1272
300 E. 7th Ave., York, Pa 17404

Bell Socialization

(717) 848-5767
160 S. George Street, York, Pa 17401

Blue Chip (free or reduced health insurance

(800) 986-5437

Center for Independent Living

(717) 849-0991
150 Roosevelt Ave., York, Pa 17404

Child Care Consultants

(717) 854-2273

Community Services Group

(717) 845-5654
1508 East Market St., York, Pa 17403

Community Progress Council

Provides emergency services for families, fuel, housing, self-sufficiency
(717) 846-4600

Elks Home Service Nurse

(717) 251-2758

Easter Seals of South Central Pennsylvania.

(717) 741-3891
2201 S. Queen St., York, Pa 17402

Family Child Resources, Inc.

(717) 757-1227
3995 East Market St., York, Pa 17402

FIRST (Free Information Referral Service Teleline)

(717) 755-1000

Forsight Visions

(717) 848-1690
1380 Spahn Ave., York, Pa 17403

Food Pantry Clearinghouse

(717) 846-8899

Jessica and Friends Community

(717) 747-9000
207 Dew Drop Rd., York, Pa 17402

Lehman Center(respite care for children up to age 6)

(717) 845-5771

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation(OVR)

(717) 771-4407
2550 Kingston Rd. Suite 101, York, Pa 17402

PA Social Security Administration-Benefits

(717) 394-0647
1048 North Plum St., Lancaster, Pa 17601

Penn Employment Services

(717) 846-6589
497 Hill St., York, Pa 17403

Penn-Mar Organization, Inc.

(717) 235-8068
10671 Susquehanna Trail, Glen Rock, Pa 17327

Rabbit Transit

(717) 846-7433
1230 Roosevelt Ave., York, Pa 17404

Service Access & Management
(717) 848-8744
1305 E. Market St., York, Pa 17403

York Housing Authority
(717) 845-2601
31 S. Broad St., York, Pa 17405

Skills of Central PA, Inc.
(717) 630-2455
600 Linden Ave., Hanover, Pa 17331

York Rescue Mission
(717) 845-7662

Social Security Administration
(717) 767-1600
950 Borom Rd., York, Pa 17401

Special Olympics of York County
(717) 846-1881
P.O. Box 333, Dover, PA 17315

The Arc of York County
(717) 846-6589
1803 Mt. Rose Ave. Suite C-1, York, Pa 17403

The Glatfelter Agency, Special Needs Department
(717) 852-8000 X4946
221 W. Philadelphia St. Suite 400, York, Pa 17403

The Shadowfax Corporation
(717) 854-7742
386 Pattison St., York, Pa 17403
129 Tremont St., York, Pa 17403

Typical Life Corporation
(717) 266-3681
P.O. Box 589, Mt. Wolf, Pa 17356

York-Adams Mental Health-Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (MHIDD)
(717) 771-9618
York County Government Center
100 West Market St. Suite 301, York, Pa 17401

York County Careerlink
(717) 767-7625
841 Vogelsong Rd., York, Pa 17404

York County Children and Youth Services
(717) 846-8496

Internet Resources

Accessible Vans and Mobility

www.avmvans.com

Autism Link for PA

<https://www.autismlink.org/locations/view/39/>

Autism Society of America, York Chapter

www.autismyork.org

CHADD: Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

www.chadd.net

Department of Health, Bureau of Family Health

<https://www.health.pa.gov/About/Pages/BFH.aspx>

National Center for Learning Disabilities

www.nclld.org

United Disability Services

www.udservices.org