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Advocacy and Training Information

Skill Building:

Throughout my 38-year career in public school special education I have always recognized that one of my most important responsibilities has been to serve as an advocate for the student. As a former special education teacher, special education consultant, and special education program administrator I know how schools operate, and I know how to "speak the language."

I have attended hundreds and hundreds of IEP/504 meetings during my career, and I understand your struggle to be heard and to obtain appropriate services for your child. I understand the frustration you experience, and that understanding can help me guide you through the process of developing the skills to become the most effective advocate for your child.

Consultative Services:

I can offer short consultations to assist you with specific problems or emergent issues.

Record Review / Assessment:

I can conduct a thorough review of your records to help you develop a strategy for moving a stalled process forward. I can also make sure that the school is acting in compliance with Federal and State regulations.

IEP / 504 Meeting Preparation / Participation:

Having an experienced professional available to help you prepare for your child's meeting can give you added confidence. Or, having an experienced professional at your side during the meeting, to guide you through the process, facilitate communication and to assist you in accomplishing your goals, could be the answer to getting necessary and appropriate services for your child.

Parent Training:

Training can give you added confidence! With that confidence you can participate in the IEP/504 Process as an active and equal member of the team. I can provide that training.

Workshops / Presentations:

I can provide customized workshops and presentations designed to meet your unique needs, or the needs of your organization or school.

I offer a 45-minute no-obligation complimentary consultation

If you decide to retain my services, I charge \$65/hr for:

- additional record/document review
- lengthy phone discussions or emails (beyond 15 minutes)
- developing behavior plan / making recommendations
- attending IEP / 504 meetings
- workshops / presentations
- travel (one way charge) for any meeting more than ½ hr from my office

I bill by the ¼ hour (can also be on retainer) and I accept payment by major credit card, cash or check.