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**Contact Michigan Alliance for Families if you:**

- Have a question about your child's special education program.
- Would like information about your child's disability.
- Need help finding resources.
- Are interested in finding a workshop near you.
- Want to find online learning opportunities.

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# *Michigan Alliance for Families works to empower families of children with disabilities to know their rights, effectively communicate their children's needs, and find information to help their child develop and learn.*

Michigan Alliance for Families offers information and referrals on disability and special education issues involving children and young adults from birth to age 26.

Find information on the following topics and many others by visiting our website or by contacting the Parent Mentor in your area.

- Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- Accommodations and modifications
- Assistive technology
- Eligibility and evaluation
- Inclusion and least restrictive environment
- Positive Behavior Supports
- Rights and responsibilities
- Suspension/expulsion
- Transition out of high school

[www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org](http://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org)

Michigan Alliance for Families provides resources and information at no cost. Many of these resources are also available in Spanish and Arabic.

Navigating the world of special education can be difficult. Michigan Alliance for Families staff are family members of individuals with disabilities who understand your concerns. Our Parent Mentors provide support to parents of children receiving (or who may be eligible to receive) special education services.

## **Parent Mentors...**

- Assist parents to understand special education and know their rights.
- Teach parents how to advocate for their child.
- Help problem-solve special education issues.
- Provide information about local, state, and national resources.
- Mentor existing and emerging parent leaders.
- Have information about free workshops and online learning opportunities for parents of children with disabilities and the professionals working with them.

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