

FREE LEGAL SERVICES

Under IDEA and its regulations, specifically 34 CFR 300.507(b), an LEA must inform a parent of any free or low-cost legal or other relevant services available in the area, upon request or upon the parent's filing a due process complaint. The following is a list of organizations, compiled by the Office of Dispute Resolution, which make available free legal services to parents of students with disabilities. Whether legal services will be provided to any particular parent will, of course, be dependent upon each agency's policies and procedures and its review of each individual case.

The organizations providing free legal services to parents of students with disabilities are as follows:

Advocates for Justice in Education

25 E Street, NW, 3rd Fl
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 678-8060
(202) 678-8062 (fax)

Those in need of legal assistance can call the main number. They will be routed to an intake person who will talk with them about their legal needs.

Children's Law Center

501 3rd Street, NW
Suite 800
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 467-4900 / Option 3

Those in need of legal assistance can call the main number and press "4" to speak with the helpline attorney. The helpline attorney will conduct an intake with them.

Disability Rights Law Clinic

American University Washington College of Law
4300 Nebraska Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20016
(202) 274-4148

Those in need of legal assistance can call the main number and ask for assistance with a special education matter. They will be transferred to the Disability Rights Clinic and an intake will be conducted.

Juvenile and Special Education Law Clinic

UDC David A. Clarke School of Law
4340 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Room 301
Washington, DC 20008
(202) 274-5073
(202) 274-7314

Those seeking legal assistance in a special education matter can contact a clinical paralegal who will conduct an intake with them.

University Legal Services

Disability Rights DC

220 "I" Street, NE

Suite 130

Washington, DC 20002

(202) 547-0198 ext. 135

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