

## EDUCATION ADVOCACY PROJECT

The Education Advocacy Project (EAP) provides advice and legal representation in education matters for low-income parents, caregivers, and students. EAP provides assistance in civil education matters, including:

- ⇒ Special Education
- ⇒ Disability accommodations and services
- ⇒ Students with learning disabilities
- ⇒ Students with physical/developmental disabilities
- ⇒ Evaluations
- ⇒ Early Intervention services
- ⇒ Excessive suspensions
- ⇒ Arrests from school
- ⇒ Use of restraints
- ⇒ Expulsions
- ⇒ Alternative Education placement disputes
- ⇒ Children in residential programs
- ⇒ School registration and enrollment
- ⇒ English Language Learners
- ⇒ Immigrant students
- ⇒ Homeless students
- ⇒ Foster children
- ⇒ Transitions
- ⇒ Transportation

If your concern falls into any of these categories or you think your child's right to a free and appropriate public education is being violated, **call (561) 822-9786**.

## About the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.

*Our mission is to provide high quality civil legal advice, representation, and education free of charge to the disadvantaged children, families and individuals in Palm Beach County so as to protect their personal safety, enhance their opportunities and living conditions, and promote self-sufficiency.*

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## About the Education Advocacy Project (EAP)

When a disagreement with a school arises, the dispute can often be worked out easily. If your concerns are not resolved, you have a right to challenge the school's decision.

EAP advises parents and caregivers about their legal rights concerning education. We will help parents in obtaining needed educational services and testing, attend school meetings with the parent, and represent parents in mediation, due process hearings, and other administrative hearings.



## How to qualify for services

To qualify for services a family must be within 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. You can find more information on our website at [www.legalaidpubc.org](http://www.legalaidpubc.org), or calling EAP's intake line at 561-822-9786.

## How EAP can help you

**Special Education:** Disputes with eligibility, evaluations, individual education plans (IEPs), 504 plans, related services, placement, behavior plans, and discipline of children in need of special education.

**School Registration and Enrollment:** Disputes over delays in school enrollment, immediate enrollment pending residency determinations, and unnecessary documentation requirements.

**Discipline:** Disputes about improper school suspensions, excessive discipline actions, problems with receiving educational services during the period of suspension/discipline, use of physical restraints, and arrests from school.

**Early Intervention and Child Find:** Assisting parents and caregivers with obtaining evaluations and high quality services for children from birth to five years who have developmental delays or certain medical conditions.

**Homeless and Foster Youth:** Helping parents and caregivers enforce the rights of homeless students and foster children to obtain appropriate placement services and accommodations during transitions, as well as assisting with obtaining an educational surrogate.

**Older Students:** Disputes about appropriate education and services for students in, or upon release from, jail or Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) programs. EAP also assists students being pushed out of high school into alternative education programs (ex: night school).

**English Language Learners:** Assisting parents and caregivers with obtaining appropriate evaluations, services and proper placement, timely enrollment into schools, and ensuring communication from the school is received in the family's native language.

**Other services:** In certain cases we can assist with issues involving Medicaid, Social Security and other public benefits, as well as access to community services.

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