**Statewide Resources**

**OSPI Special Education Parent Liaison**

Offered through the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), parent liaisons provide information to help families and educators understand state and federal laws, rules and regulations, and how to access training, support, technical information and mediation services.

Liaisons work impartially and objectively with all parties to help ensure students with special needs receive services and supports necessary to benefit from public education.

[www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/Families/Assistance.aspx](http://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/Families/Assistance.aspx) 360-725-6075

**Office of the Education Ombuds (OEO)**

OEO helps resolve conflicts and problems between families and public schools. A number of resources and brochures discussing school-related advocacy topics may be found online (available in a variety of languages). OEO is a separate agency and operates independently from Washington State OSPI.

[www.governor.wa.gov/oeo](http://www.governor.wa.gov/oeo) 866-297-2597

**Sound Options Group**

Offered through arrangement with OSPI, Sound Options Group mediation is a voluntary process for parents and districts to discuss and resolve special education concerns with the help of a trained, neutral mediator at no cost to participants.

[www.somtg.com](http://www.somtg.com) 800-692-2540

**Partners for Action Voices for Empowerment (PAVE)**

PAVE provides families support in navigating the educational system and assists with locating community services, as well as provides limited advocacy services.

[www.wapave.org](http://www.wapave.org) 800-572-7368

**Special Education Support Center**

The Special Education Support Center offers a rich variety of resources, classes and web support for teachers, parents and students, as well as up-to-date information on education policies and guidelines. SESC is a Washington State Needs Project, funded by OSPI in partnership with the Washington Educators Association (WEA).

[www.specialeducationsupportcenter.org](http://www.specialeducationsupportcenter.org) 800-622-3393

**Disability Rights of Washington**

A non-profit organization that protects the rights of individuals with disabilities and provides information, referral and training regarding disability rights (including special education).

[www.disabilityrightswa.org](http://www.disabilityrightswa.org) 206-324-1521

**Informing Families**

Informing Families provides news, information and age-related topics in an interactive website designed to assist individuals and families in building a support network and planning for the future. Provided by Washington State DDC, DDA and other statewide partners.

[www.informingfamilies.org](http://www.informingfamilies.org)
Charting The LifeCourse is a resource offering planning tools to help individuals and their families explore options for a good life, including, but not limited to: employment, continuing education, community living, spirituality, safety, technology and advocacy. A strengths-based approach, the program encourages advance planning, skill and resource development and self-determination. Tools and training are available through The Arc's Special Education Coordinator or Snohomish County DDA.

For information on The Arc programs, or to join our mailing list, contact:

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