

OTHER SERVICES OFFERED

- Phoenix Drop-In Center & Café
- Adult Advocate
- Resocialization Program
- Peer Support Program
- Representative Payee Program
- Ombudsman
- Warmline 6PM-9PM/365 Days a year

ALL SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO RESIDENTS OF BEAVER COUNTY

Funds and resources are provided by:

- Beaver County Behavioral Health
- United Way of Beaver County
- Religious Organizations
- Civic Organizations
- Schools
- Individuals

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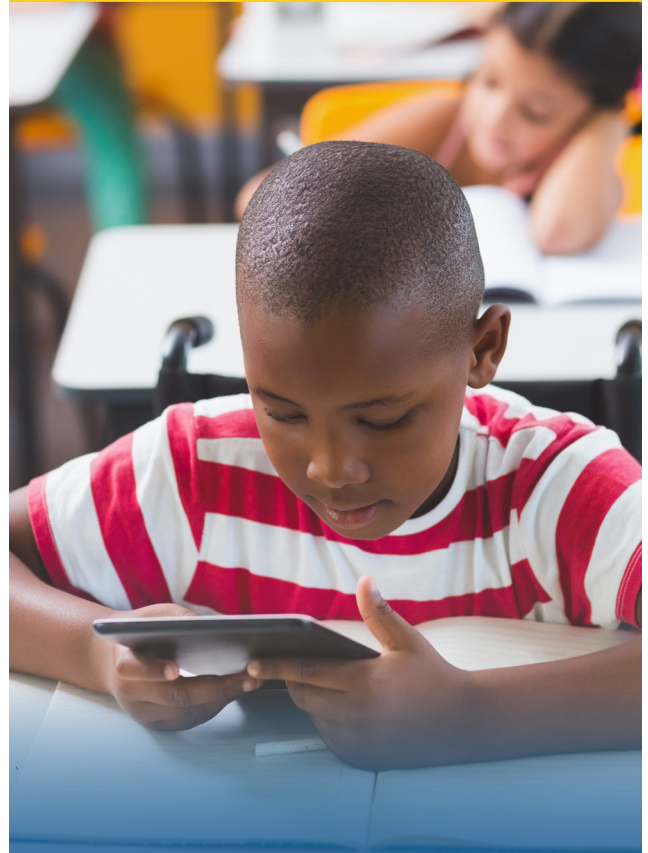


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FAMILY/CHILD EDUCATION ADVOCATE



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FAMILY/CHILD EDUCATION ADVOCACY

WHAT IS SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW?

Laws that help ensure children with disabilities will be given specially designed instructions to help meet their educational goals. The IDEA gives families the right to:

- Request to have their child evaluated to determine if the child would benefit from special education
- Have concerns addressed in a language the parents/guardians understand
- Request and review copies of their child's school records
- Actively participate in the development of their child's Individualized Education Program (IEP)

WHAT IS FREE AND APPROPRIATE EDUCATION?

A free and appropriate education is a planned program of education and special services that considers the child's individual needs. An appropriate program allows the child to make meaningful progress and to prepare for employment and independent living. Each child's program must be provided **without cost** to the family.

HOW WE CAN HELP

The role of the Education Advocate is to provide families with information and individualized support to help ensure the rights of children with disabilities to a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).

The Education Advocate can help with:

- Providing information and guidance for navigating special education law: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004 (IDEA 2004) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
- Attending and providing advocacy for parents/guardians at their child's IEPs and 504 agreement meetings
- Providing information and guidance on available community resources and behavioral health supports
- Addressing your concerns even if the child is not receiving special education services

CONTACT

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