

HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE ADVOCATE FOR YOUR CHILD

- Know your rights
- Know your school boards resources
- Know as much as possible about learning disabilities
- Know your child's strengths and areas of need
- Learn about accommodations and strategies that help
- Communicate well with the school
- Be assertive, not aggressive
- Be persistent
- Teach your child to become an advocate

SEVEN STEPS IN THE PROCESS OF ADVOCACY

1. Recognize that a problem exists
2. Define the problem in a clear manner
3. Make a commitment to solve the problem
4. Gather information that will help you develop a solution
5. Formulate a desirable solution to the problem
6. Design a strategy for implementing the solution
7. Take action to implement the strategy that has been developed + follow up