

# Special Education Parent Mentor Program

*A **Parent Mentor** is a parent with a child with a disability who is hired by the School District to give support to parents of special needs children.*

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*Every child deserves the right to reach their full potential.*

*Special Education is a service, not a place.*

*“Education is all a matter of building bridges.”*

**-Ralph Ellison**



*“This is not a journey to be taken alone, we need each other.”*

**-Family Support Team**

Ohio Department of Education  
Web: [education.ohio.gov](http://education.ohio.gov)  
Phone: 877-644-6338



The **Purpose** of this program is to empower parents to become advocates for their children and improve the quality of their education by becoming partners with their district. By raising the level of awareness about learning differences, we believe parents can change the course of education.

The **Mission** is to give educational and resource support to families of children with special needs, and to educate families so they can navigate through the Special Education Process.

## Support Services Provided

- Parent Support Group
- Resource Information and Materials
- Parent/Family Training Sessions (Professional Development)
- MFE/ETR and IEP Meeting Support
- Transition Support
- Parent and School Communication Support
- Community Resource Connections

## *Special Education Family Support Program*

The family support program is to further empower parents and families in the Special Education Process. To encourage and motivate parents in understanding their children's educational needs. These meetings bring valuable educational, parent rights and resource information to parents and families. Attending the meetings help parents become a stronger and more supportive member of the IEP Team.

## *Parent and Family Training: Virtual*

***E-mail or call Parent Mentors for up and coming training sessions, registration and links.***

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