

Putnam Independent Living Services

The PILS Educational Advocacy Program is designed to provide all students with disabilities and their families with the resources and information that can assist them in making informed decisions about their educational rights, choices, responsibilities and long-term educational outcomes.

Our educational advocacy team provides direct and indirect advocacy services in order to support and empower parents in their quest to receive appropriate services for their child.

Our services are free of charge and include:

- Information and referral
 - Assist families and agencies with information on variety of special education topics
 - Link families with community organizations and programs
 - Answer questions about NY State Special Education Regulations
- One-to-One Advocacy Mentor
 - Provide in-depth case advocacy specific to the needs of the individual
 - Record and evaluation review
 - Direct parent-to-parent, peer-to-peer mentorship
 - Participation in CPSE/CSE meetings
 - Empower parents to effectively advocate for their child
 - Teach quality communication techniques to improve the relationship between members of the CPSE/CSE team
 - Support families in navigating the special education process
- Community Outreach
 - Workshops and trainings for parents and community organizations

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