



People Inc

Where your world opens up.

## FAMILY ADVOCACY SERVICES



People Inc

Toll Free 1.888.7PEOPLE

Web [people-inc.org](http://people-inc.org)



Walden Business Center  
3332 Walden Avenue, Suite 100  
Depew, NY 14043

Phone 716.880.3700

Fax 716.880.3890

## **FAMILY ADVOCACY SERVICES**

Families and/or people with developmental disabilities may need support when navigating medical and educational concerns. The Family Advocacy Program offers parent advocacy, educational advocacy and tutoring to help children and adults with developmental disabilities, along with providing necessary support to families.

## **FAMILY ADVOCACY SERVICES**

Ensuring that children/adults receive appropriate services is important. People Inc. Family Advocacy Services is a program through NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities. Participants must reside with a family member to be eligible for this program and have NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) eligibility.

## **EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY**

People Inc. Educational Advocacy Program helps families, educational staff, care coordinators and various health care providers navigate challenging situations within the educational system. Educational Advocates work with the Special Education System, attend Committee on Special Education (CSE)/ Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) meetings and provide direct advocacy to ensure that educational needs are being met. Advocates act as liaisons between school district personnel and families with the goal of developing collaborative partnerships. Advocates consult with parents/guardians regarding educational concerns. The goal of the program is to help parents/guardians strengthen their advocacy skills during CSE/CPSE meetings through education and training regarding the special education process.

## **PARENT ADVOCACY PROGRAM**

The Parent Advocacy Program offers support to children and adults with developmental disabilities at medical appointments. Parent Advocates provide assistance, transportation (if Medicaid transportation is not appropriate), translation (Spanish) and coordinate/schedule medical appointments. Parent Advocates may also coordinate and assist in scheduling of Medicaid transportation.

## **TUTORING PROGRAM**

Special educators provide 1:1 tutoring in the home or in the community. Goals of the Tutoring Program are established in collaboration with the person receiving services and their parents/guardians. Assistance can be provided with homework, study skills and other tasks.

## **CONTACT**

For more information about Family Advocacy Services, call 716.880.3700.