WHAT IS THE LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE?
The Providence Local Advisory Committee (LAC) is a group of Providence parents, teachers, school administrators, and related service providers (social workers, psychologists, speech/language pathologists, etc.) working together on behalf of children with special needs.

PARENTS AND PARTNERS
The LAC plays a vital role in the success of special education programs and services by providing resources to parents as well as special education professionals. These resources help parents and special educators become partners in delivering the best and most appropriate services to children in their care.

We do this by:

- Explaining the individual education plan (IEP) process and available services so that parents can participate in their child’s education.
- Informing administrators, teachers, and special education service providers about federal and state laws to guarantee compliance with those laws; and
- Bringing together parents and professionals with similar experiences for mutual support and assistance.

CONTACT US
Call the Special Populations Office at 401-456-9330 or email LACPROV@parents.ppsd.org with any questions you may have.

OTHER CONTACTS
The Rhode Island Parent Information Network
1210 Pontiac Avenue
Cranston, R. I. 02920
(401) 270-0101

Janet Pichardo, Director of Family and Community Engagement Office
(401) 456-4686

R.I. Dept. of Education Call Center
401-222-8999

The Autism Society
800-328-8476
www.autism-society.org

Autism Speaks
https://www.autismspeaks.org

Join us!
The LAC holds regularly scheduled meetings. Translation and child care are provided. For meeting dates and times please contact us or visit the Providence Schools web site at

http://www.provideschools.org/pages/ProvidenceSchools/StudentsParents/LAC

Find out what the LAC can do for you.
Your name:

______________________________________

Your child’s name/age/ school:

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Your address:

______________________________________

Phone/email:

______________________________________

Would you like to be contacted by a LAC member directly?  Yes  No

Do you need an interpreter?  Yes  No

If yes, what language?____________________

Would you like to come to our next focus group?  Yes  No

May we add your name to our mailing list?

Yes  No

We always strive to communicate with parents and address their concerns. Please fill out the items on the reverse side so we can better serve you. Please return this form to your child’s special education teacher or case manager, or mail to:

Lisa Vargas-Sinapi,
Director of Special Education
797 Westminster St.
Providence, R.I. 02903
Please select all that apply.

I am interested in:
- Inclusion Services
- Speech/Language Services
- Occupational Therapy Services
- Physical Therapy Services
- Translation Services
- Behavior/Discipline
- Individual Education Plan (IEP) Meetings
- Facilities
- Being able to reach someone with a concern.

Please describe any other concerns.
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
- I would like to be contacted by phone ____________________________ to discuss my concerns.

The best time to reach me is:
- Morning
- Afternoon
- Evening
- Anytime

School phone______________________
Supervisor________________________
Case Manager______________________
Psychologist_______________________
Social Worker______________________
Speech/Language___________________
Occupational Therapist_____________
Physical Therapist_________________