

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.providenceschools.org/pages/ProvidenceSchools/StudentsandParents/LAC>

Find out what the LAC can do for you.

Your name:

Your child's name/age/ school:

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



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 797 Westminster St.
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 Special Populations Office
 Lisa Vargas-Sinapi
 Director of Special Education
 Tel: 401-456-9330
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My contacts

School phone _____

Supervisor _____

Case Manager _____

Psychologist _____

Social Worker _____

Speech/Language _____

Occupational Therapist _____

Physical Therapist _____



Special Education Local Advisory Committee

*Support for parents, educators,
 and other professionals*

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