



# Advocates for Children of New York

Protecting every child's right to learn

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## Workshop Catalogue

*This catalogue includes our most frequently requested workshops. Many of these topics can be tailored for a specific population, such as students in foster care, students with autism, students in middle school, etc. When requesting a workshop, please let us know any particular areas or populations you would like us to target.*

### GENERAL EDUCATION

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▶ ***Finding a School: Surviving the School Application Process***

This workshop covers the school application, enrollment and choice process at NYC public schools, including bilingual education, Gifted & Talented programs and charter schools. The workshop is usually customized by level for kindergarten, middle school or high school.

▶ ***Schools 101: Basic Student Rights***

This workshop covers promotion and graduation requirements, school records, language access, transfers, transportation and who to contact when you need help.

▶ ***LGBTQ Student Rights***

This workshop covers the education rights of LGBTQ students, available resources and where to go for help.

▶ ***Bullying: How to Identify It and What to Do***

This workshop covers the different types of bullying and harassment students face and what schools must do to protect students.

▶ ***Getting to Graduation: Alternative Pathways for Older Youth***

This workshop covers the rights of over-age middle and high school students to stay in school, as well as programs and resources available to help them graduate.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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▶ ***Early Intervention: Services from Birth to Three***

This workshop covers Early Intervention services for children ages 0-3 who have developmental delays or disabilities. We will discuss the referral and evaluation process, available services, parents' rights, advocacy tips, and how to get help.

▶ ***The ABCs of Preschool Special Education***

This workshop covers preschool special education services for children ages 3-5 who have developmental delays or disabilities. We will discuss the referral and evaluation process, available services, parents' rights, advocacy tips, and how to get help.

▶ **“Turning Five:” Moving from Preschool to Kindergarten for Students with Disabilities**

This workshop covers how to get special education services for students with disabilities as they move from preschool to kindergarten, the kindergarten admissions process, parents’ rights, advocacy tips, and how to get help.

▶ **Early Childhood Education Programs**

This workshop covers different types of programs for young children, including Pre-K for All, Head Start, and child care.

## **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

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▶ **Special Education 101**

This workshop covers the IEP development process, including referrals, evaluations and the IEP meeting, program and placement options, advocacy tips and due process rights.

▶ **What Comes Next? Transition to Adulthood for Students with Disabilities**

This workshop covers transition planning for students with IEPs and 504 plans, including graduation options, vocational programs and other supports for students after high school.

▶ **School Discipline and Behavior Supports for Students with Disabilities**

This workshop covers the education rights of students with disabilities who face behavioral challenges in school. It includes information on behavioral supports, interventions and special protections for students removed from class or suspended from school.

▶ **Students, Know your Rights! Understand your IEP**

This workshop helps middle or high school students understand their IEPs and their rights as a student with a disability, including how to advocate for what they need to succeed in school.

## **IMMIGRANT STUDENTS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS**

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▶ **Educational Rights of Immigrant Families**

This training covers enrollment for newly arrived immigrant students, parents’ rights to translation and interpretation, program options for English Language Learners, testing accommodations, and language proficiency testing.

## **SCHOOL DISCIPLINE: BEHAVIOR AND BULLYING**

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▶ **School Discipline: What Happens When My Child Gets in Trouble?**

This workshop covers the education rights of students facing classroom removals and suspensions. It includes information on the discipline code, suspension hearings, and alternative instruction.

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## **COURT-INVOLVED YOUTH**

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▶ ***Educational Rights of Court-Involved Youth***

This workshop covers the education rights of students in juvenile detention and placement, adult incarceration and those returning to school in the community. It includes information on course credit, reenrollment, school placements, and school transfers.

## **CHARTER SCHOOLS**

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▶ ***Charter Schools: What Are My Rights?***

This workshop covers the rights of students in charter schools, including students with special education needs, English Language Learners, and students facing suspension or expulsion. We will discuss the legal obligations of charter schools and offer advocacy tips for parents.

## **STUDENTS IN TEMPORARY HOUSING**

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▶ ***Educational Rights of Students in Temporary Housing***

This workshop covers the education rights of children and youth experiencing homelessness, including enrollment and transportation options.