



## Special Education Parent Advisory Councils (SEPACS)

SEPACS are state-mandated local networks of parents of children with special needs who work collaboratively with school officials to improve results for students. SEPACS act as advisors to school district administrators and also participate in the planning, development, and evaluation of each school district's special education programs.

- ♥ SEPAC members meet regularly with the local Director of Special Education and other appropriate school personnel as needed, to participate in matters pertaining to the education, health, and safety of special needs students.
- ♥ SEPAC members promote communications and programs within the community to encourage understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of special needs students.
- ♥ SEPAC members communicate with local, state, and national organizations, as well as councils and groups that support children with special needs.

By becoming involved in the SEPAC, parents can improve their children's learning opportunities by working with school officials to identify issues, research problems, and develop procedural and policy solutions.

### To contact your local SEPAC, speak with:

1. Your school's Special Education coordinator,
2. MASSPAC (Mass. Association of Special Education Parent Advisory Councils), c/o Federation for Children with Special Needs (617-236-7210, Ext. 307), or
3. Your Family TIES Regional Coordinator.

For more information, contact your **Family TIES** Regional **Coordinator**  
at **1-800-905-8437** or **[www.massfamilyties.org](http://www.massfamilyties.org)**