

Know Your Rights

Getting What Your Child Needs from the Special Education System

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

To understand the basics of special education laws/rights/school district's obligations and obtain strategies to ensure children/clients receive the instruction, services and supports they are entitled to under the law.

CEUs will be provided.



NOVEMBER 2, 2019
10AM – 1PM

1601 Parkview Ave.
Rockford, IL 61107

Enter in the south entrance by the flags.
Training held in auditorium at the
University of Illinois Rockford.
Resource fair located in the commons.

PRESENTERS



Matt Cohen & Associates
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Matt Cohen is a private attorney with 35 years experience representing children and adults with disabilities and has represented thousands of students in disputes with public schools and higher education institutions in Illinois and other states. He is a founding board member of COPAA (and currently serves on the COPAA board) and served as the chair of the Illinois Attorney General's Committee on Special Education for over 25 years, as well as serving on many other not-for-profit boards. Matt has conducted hundreds of trainings for parents, advocates and educators throughout the United States. He is the author of "A Guide to Special Education Advocacy: What Parents, Advocates and Clinicians Need to Know" and has authored many articles on special education and mental health law.

Brad Dembs joined Matt Cohen & Associates in 2017. Brad's passion for disability rights, and special education in particular, comes from his experience working with and advocating for individuals with disabilities in various contexts over the past two decades. Prior to joining MCA, Brad spent five years working as a Staff Attorney for Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, Inc., where he focused on special education law. His duties include representing families of children with disabilities in all stages of disputes with their school districts, from advocating at IEP meetings, Section 504 Plan meetings and disciplinary hearings to filing Due Process complaints and subsequent appeals. Brad also has experience arguing cases in federal district court and in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Brad is licensed to practice law in Illinois and Michigan.

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