



FREE LEGAL HELP **EDUCATION LEGAL RIGHTS.**

The **Education Legal Rights Project** provides free legal representation to students with needs that are not being met in the school system because of a learning disability, physical, mental or emotional disability, other health impairment or disabling condition under the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (*IDEA*) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

IDEA ensures that all children with disabilities affecting their education have available to them a “free and appropriate public education” that provides special education accommodations and related services designed to meet each student’s unique needs and prepare them for further education, employment, and independent living. Legal Aid provides free legal assistance to income-eligible residents of Broward County.

Do you believe your child is having difficulty succeeding in school?

Should he or she be evaluated for Special Education Services?

Is your child receiving Special Education Services, but not making adequate progress?

If you answer YES to any of the above questions, attorneys at Legal Aid Service of Broward County may be able to assist you. Please call **754.312.3100** to make an appointment for an intake interview.

SERVICES THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE

- Assisting students in receiving timely testing, ESE (exceptional student education) eligibility determinations, and proper placement
- Ensuring the student receives appropriate, timely and effective special education support, services, and accommodations
- Attendance and representation of students at Individual Education Plan (IEP) meetings
- Representation at mediation, administrative hearings and due process hearings, and in litigation when necessary
- Referrals as appropriate to outside social service organizations

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STUDENT RIGHTS

- To receive a **free and appropriate** public education
- To be educated in the **least restrictive** environment that meets the student's needs
- To expect teachers to have **high expectations of progress**
- To make **meaningful progress** and gain educational benefit
- To receive **appropriate supports** and related services within a timely manner
- To receive **necessary evaluations** in a timely manner
- To receive **appropriate transitional services**
- To be a student with a **disability and not a disabled student**
- To **have a voice** in their educational planning

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FloridaLawHelp.org helps low and moderate income people find free legal aid programs in their community and provides information about their legal rights.

Language interpretation and accessible facilities provided.

Welcoming and affirming of all sexual orientations and gender identities and expressions. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability or age.

Legal Aid Service of Broward County is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

HOW TO FIND US



★ **Legal Aid Center for Law and Social Justice**

- 1** East Courthouse **2** West Courthouse
3 East Bus Depot (BCT) **4** West Bus Depot (BCT)
5 Plantation General Hospital