**Advocacy and Legal Support**

**\*\* indicates Free Services**

**\* Indicates Less Expensive**

**[This list may not be inclusive of all legal and educational advocate resources nor is it an endorsement.]**

**Educational Advocates or Resources**

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[http://inclusionadvocates.com/inclusionadvocates/Welcome.html](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__inclusionadvocates.com_inclusionadvocates_Welcome.html&d=DwMFAg&c=P0c35rBvlN7D8BNx7kSJTg&r=JxCfewzroi-ZykUYB4199uP6rvgM9BtvAQylPpSIXtQ&m=_1qS6FNSUDlrHVA3AhWVptlsf-ZH-6ikYSaZdEnHOug&s=Ylyr9sxfISfyZGQiRwpYGoSyEONTNEkFuVrWfAq49D0&e=)

**Dr. Nancy Kopnick, Behavior Consultant** (Educational coaching- not an advocate)

<http://www.nmkphdconsulting.com/>

513-761-8681

**\*\*Joe Link**

Director, Marjorie Book Continuing Education ([www.marjoriebook.org](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.marjoriebook.org&d=DwMFAg&c=P0c35rBvlN7D8BNx7kSJTg&r=JxCfewzroi-ZykUYB4199uP6rvgM9BtvAQylPpSIXtQ&m=_1qS6FNSUDlrHVA3AhWVptlsf-ZH-6ikYSaZdEnHOug&s=U143A9M0HLRtl2eOX4YnRHIodmCp2MM3RPyj8qJ98ZA&e=)) Adjunct Faculty, Department of Secondary and Special Education, Xavier University

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**\*Link Support Services**- Amy Bloom [amy@unlockingdoorsforkids.com](mailto:amy@unlockingdoorsforkids.com) (Dayton)

**\*\*NAMI**

Dorothy Calloway, Parent Advocate, Regional Coordinator Elise Bowen, PAC (Parent Advocacy Connection)

Ms. Calloway, who works out of the Columbus office for NAMI of Ohio, reported that the Parent Advocacy Connection (PAC) of Ohio is a Parent Peer Support Program that supports families through crisis by helping and teaching parents how to advocate for their children. She reported that the service is free and individuals are referred to NAMI from the mental health board, Columbus and other locations. PAC supports families as they try to seek help through multiple systems (Juvenile Court, JFS, Child Protective Services, Education, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities). [Parent Peer Support - NAMI Ohio](https://namiohio.org/parent-peer-support/) For additional information contact: Tamisha McKenzie at [tamisha@namiohio.org](mailto:tamisha@namiohio.org), Office: 614-224-2700

**\*Ohio Coalition of Exceptional Children with Disabilities** <https://www.ocecd.org/ParentMentorsofOhio.aspx>

Parent Mentors by district (see Parent Mentor List)

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Email:[EducationRights@CincinnatiEducationLaw.com](mailto:educationrights@cincinnatieducationlaw.com)

**General Legal Support**

**\*\*Legal Aid** (Team Child) Hamilton County also provides resources <https://lascinti.org/> Phone: (513)241-9400

**\*\*Disability Rights of Ohio**

Phone: [614-466-7264](tel:614-466-7264) or [1-800-282-9181](tel:1-800-282-9181)

[**http://www.disabilityrightsohio.org/contact**](http://www.disabilityrightsohio.org/contact)

**Cincinnati Bar Association** Submit a request in Attorney Referral page of the Cincinnati Bar Association. Here is the link: https://www.cincybar.org/LRS/Request-Form Describe the need and when provided names, interview the attorneys and choose that way.

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