

Your child may qualify for special education services while living in an out-of-home corrections setting if:

- He or she has taken special classes because of behavior, learning, or other problems
- You requested testing for your child

Children and young adults may still qualify for special education services even if they have quit school.

Has your child received Special Education Services in the past?

Inform your child's attorney if you have:

- Attended a meeting or been notified of a meeting concerning special education services
- Signed any documents about special education services

If you have copies of notices, signed documents, or copies of letters you have written related to special education services for your child, make additional copies for the attorney.

“Families have the potential to be the greatest source of positive change and support for youth in the juvenile justice system”

The New Jersey Parents' Caucus is a non-profit organization governed and staffed by parents and caregivers of children with serious emotional and behavioral challenges. Since 1990, NJPC has worked diligently with parents, caregivers, family members, government agencies, legislators, interested professionals and other organizations to ensure that the needs of New Jersey families raising children with emotional and behavioral challenges are met. NJPC provides information & referral services, outreach, training & education programs and advocacy in Mental Health, Substance Abuse, DCP&P (DYFS), Juvenile Justice, and Special Education.

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***If your child receives
Special Education Services
or may need Services
because of:***

- Learning disabilities
- ADHD - Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
- Substance Abuse
- Depression
- Bipolar Disorder
- Anxiety
- Conduct disorder
- Developmental disabilities
- PTSD
- Autism
- Brain Injury

The court must know:

- The Special Education or other services your child has received in school
- How the disability may affect your child's behavior
- Information about your child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 plan

***If your child is accused of
committing a crime, you
should know:***

- That if your child has a disability and needs special services, the child has the right, depending on the needs, to receive special services. They can include:
 - IEP (Individualized Education Program) or Section 504 plan
 - Help with school work
 - Medication management
 - Counseling
 - Speech and language therapy
 - Recreation services
 - Occupational or physical therapy
 - Training
- Learning or behavior problems may be signs of an undiagnosed disability that needs further evaluation.
- A disability may interfere with your child's understanding of the charges brought against him or her; the understanding of questions from the police or an attorney; and the ability to participate in his or her own defense.
- Information about a child's disability helps the court choose an appropriate placement for that child.

***If your child is accused of
committing a crime, you
should know:***

- Parents of youth who already have an IEP are entitled to services through age 21, even if they are in a juvenile or adult correctional placement. These can include:
 - Residential treatment settings
 - Hospital programs
 - Group home
 - Boot Camps
 - Behavioral Assistance
 - Mental Health Treatment

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