



Our services are available to families who live in Orange County, whether or not your child is placed in an Orange County school.

Call 845-565-1162, Ext. 243 if your home district is one of these school districts:

- Cornwall
- Highland Falls/Ft. Montgomery
- Monroe/Woodbury
- Newburgh
- Pine Bush
- Valley Central
- Washingtonville
- West Point

Call 845-342-1162, Ext. 333 if your home district is one of these school districts:

- Chester
- Florida
- Goshen
- Greenwood Lake
- Middletown
- Minisink
- Port Jervis
- Tuxedo
- Warwick Valley

Our Mission

Independent Living, Inc. is a consumer-directed, cross-disability advocacy and service organization, dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for persons with disabilities.

Our Vision

Our vision is a barrier-free society with opportunities for all people to achieve their maximum potential.



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Newburgh

5 Washington Terrace, Newburgh, NY 12550
Phone: 845-565-1162 Fax: 845-565-0567
Videophone: 845-764-8384

Monticello

14 Pelton Street, Monticello, NY 12701
Phone: 845-794-3322 Fax: 845-794-3323

Middletown

30 Industrial Drive, Middletown, NY 10940
Phone: 845-342-1162 Fax: 845-342-1192

Education Advocacy

Family Support Services



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What is an Education Advocate?

An Education Advocate can provide information, referral and assistance to parents, foster parents/guardians, teachers and other professionals including:

- Support for families before, during and after meetings with school personnel;
- Information on Education Law;
- Training for parent groups, students and professionals on transition from school to adult life, self-advocacy and disability awareness;
- Community resources available in Orange County.

“If a child can’t learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn.”

Ignacio Estrada

What support is available?

- With consent, an Education Advocate can attend meetings with the family and the school district to ensure that the student’s educational rights are protected.
- An Education Advocate can ensure that the family has up-to-date information on education law and appropriate options for the student’s education. The advocate can advise the family of steps necessary to ensure that the student’s educational needs are being met.
- Teachers, staff members and para-professionals can receive training to understand and support a student’s specific needs.

Who might benefit from Education Advocacy services?

- Families with a student between the ages of 3 and 21 who has a disability, who need information and assistance in obtaining a free and appropriate public education for their child.

When might you need an Education Advocate?

- If you have questions or concerns about a student’s special needs and education.
- If you believe that a student might not be in the appropriate setting or receiving the appropriate services.
- If you’re not sure what services might be available to a student.

Special education is no longer a place; special education means specially designed, individualized or group instruction, or special services or programs, that meet the unique needs of students with disabilities.

