

# Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc.

The federally designated Parent Training and Information Center for Washington DC



*Our passion is empowering families by equipping parents and students with disabilities with the tools they need to be their own advocate.*



## EDUCATE. ADVOCATE. EMPOWER.

**AJE is here to help!** We provide FREE monthly trainings and workshops for parents and professionals in navigating special education systems and supports; individual assistance and legal representation to address educational issues; assistance with accessing health services for children and youth with special health care needs; referral support for families to obtain housing, child care and other social services; legal services for school discipline issues; a resource library with information on various disabilities and treatment options; and youth leadership and self-advocacy trainings.

**AJE's mission is to empower families, youth, and the community to be effective advocates to ensure that children and youth, particularly those who have special needs, receive access to appropriate education and health services.**

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# Working with Families, Youth & the Community

Understanding the unique needs of family and believing that every youth deserves an opportunity to succeed

AJE provides quality direct services to families of children and youth (birth—age 26) in the form of free individual advocacy and representation to address the educational and health needs of children. An important component of our mission is to empower families to be informed decision-makers. Through our empowerment model, our experienced advocates assist families with setting appropriate goals that are unique to their situations and provide families with the necessary assistance, knowledge, and tools to achieve their desired outcomes.

AJE provides youth and young adults ages 13-26 with special needs with support, advocacy, information, and leadership training in order to improve their involvement in their educational planning. AJE works to empower youth and young adults to self-advocate through mentorship opportunities, workshops, and real-life applications.

AJE works collaboratively with DC organizations and agencies to provide training to community members, families, and professionals on topics related to children with special needs. We partner with community organizations to provide comprehensive information and support to families of children with and without disabilities.

AJE provides health advocacy by working to ensure that children with special health care needs have access to medical home services and care coordination in a family-centered, culturally competent manner. We offer families assistance navigating systems of care—health insurance, medical services and evaluations, housing, and emergency assistance.

## WHEN should you reach out to AJE?

**When** you want to learn more about rights regarding your child's education.

**When** you have doubts or questions about the special education process, 504 process, ESL services, SST process, transition, or healthcare.

**When** you want to learn skills to advocate for your child.

**When** you think your child's school is not providing appropriate services to your child with special needs.

**When** your child is having academic or behavioral problems in school.

**When** your child is suspended or expelled from school.

**When** you want emotional support from other parent.

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## Check out AJE's upcoming trainings & events:

*For the current AJE calendar of events:*

[www.aje-dc.org/training](http://www.aje-dc.org/training) or call:  
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*Sign up for AJE emails and updates on our website:*

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