

PEERS



PEERS PARENT ADVOCATES:

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Assist **P**arents or Caregivers

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Educate Regarding Child And Parent Rights, Mental Illnesses, Processes of Various Systems, And More

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Empower Parents To Make Decisions And Advocate Effectively For Their Child's Needs To Be Met

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Provide Information About Community **R**esources

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Support and Encourage Parents

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Is a supportive program for parents of children with complex needs - emotional, behavioral, developmental, or educational needs. **Parent Advocates** work together with parents to assist them in managing school issues, juvenile justice involvement, mental health issues, the developmental disabilities system, and/or the child welfare system.

EXAMPLES OF WHAT PARENT ADVOCATES CAN DO

- **Parent Advocates** can help parents prepare for IEP meetings
- **Parent Advocates** can support parents during Juvenile Court Hearings
- **Parent Advocates** can help parents understand educational options, services, and supports
- **Parent Advocates** can model effective ways to communicate with professionals
- **Parent Advocates** can help parents explore their options to make informed decisions

Contact Marjorie Cook for more info at 330-203-3848

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