



FEDERATION FOR CHILDREN
WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

FREE WORKSHOP

Basic Rights In Special Education

A Workshop for Parents and Professionals

Do you have a child that is struggling in school?

Are you wondering how to obtain special education services?

Do you have a child on an IEP or 504 and want to better understand your rights?

**Join us at the
Chelmsford High School Career Center on Thursday, March 15,
7-9PM for a presentation by Susan Parker Norton.**

About Basic Rights

The Basic Rights workshop provides families and professionals with an introduction to their rights and responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Massachusetts Special Education Law and No Child Left Behind (NCLB). It is designed to help parents learn to be effective partners with their child's school to decide their child's eligibility for special education, and to plan, make decisions and monitor their child's progress in school.



About Susan Parker Norton

I am a LICSW and for the majority of my career I worked in foster care and adoption. I worked in a variety of capacities including: special needs adoption social worker, permanency mediator and therapist. I was instrumental in the creation of a post adoption support program in northeastern Massachusetts as the program director. I applied for and created a similar program of a pre adoption support program through a federal grant.

As a result of my son needing special education in school, I became a trained advocate through the Federation for Children with Special Needs. I currently work as an advocate and parent trainer



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