

## SPAN PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS WITH FAMILIES

The Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN) is a non-profit organization committed to empowering parents and concerned professionals to advocate for children across the systems that impact their education and development.

**Span IS NOT A LAW FIRM.** SPAN staff do not provide legal representation at meetings, resolution sessions, mediations, emergent relief hearings, due process hearings, insurance appeals, or any other legal proceedings. In certain limited circumstances, SPAN staff may accompany parents to such meetings as a resource to assist the parent to advocate on behalf of their child and family.

Information provided by SPAN staff to parents and others in-person, at meetings, on the telephone, on the website, or via mail or email correspondence is intended to be educational and is not to be construed or interpreted as legal advice.

For further information SPAN's role in supporting and assisting parents, please contact Maria Docherty, Director of Technical Assistance, at 973-642-8100 ext. 114 or [mdocherty@spannj.org](mailto:mdocherty@spannj.org).

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I have reviewed the information above and understand that SPAN is not providing legal representation to me or my child. I understand that any SPAN staff that may accompany me to any meeting are doing so in the capacity of a resource to assist me to advocate on behalf of my child and family and not as a legal representative.

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Name

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Date

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Signature

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Our Mission: To empower families and inform and involve professionals and other individuals interested in the healthy development and educational rights of children, to enable all children to become fully participating and contributing members of our communities and society.