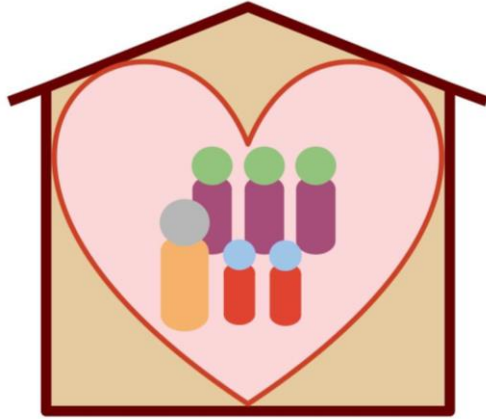


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Children with disabilities have a right to live in a family home with loving parents.

Children have a right to services and supports in the most natural setting.

Families have a right to access all the services and supports they need to keep everyone in the home as happy and healthy as possible.

Rights – best practice, what families should expect

Eligibility – meets criteria, but services may not be offered

Entitlement – services are guaranteed

What Should Families Do?

- Always ask for what you need.
- Believe that you, your child(ren), your family deserve what you are asking for.
- Be persistent.
- Trust that you are the expert and know what your family needs.



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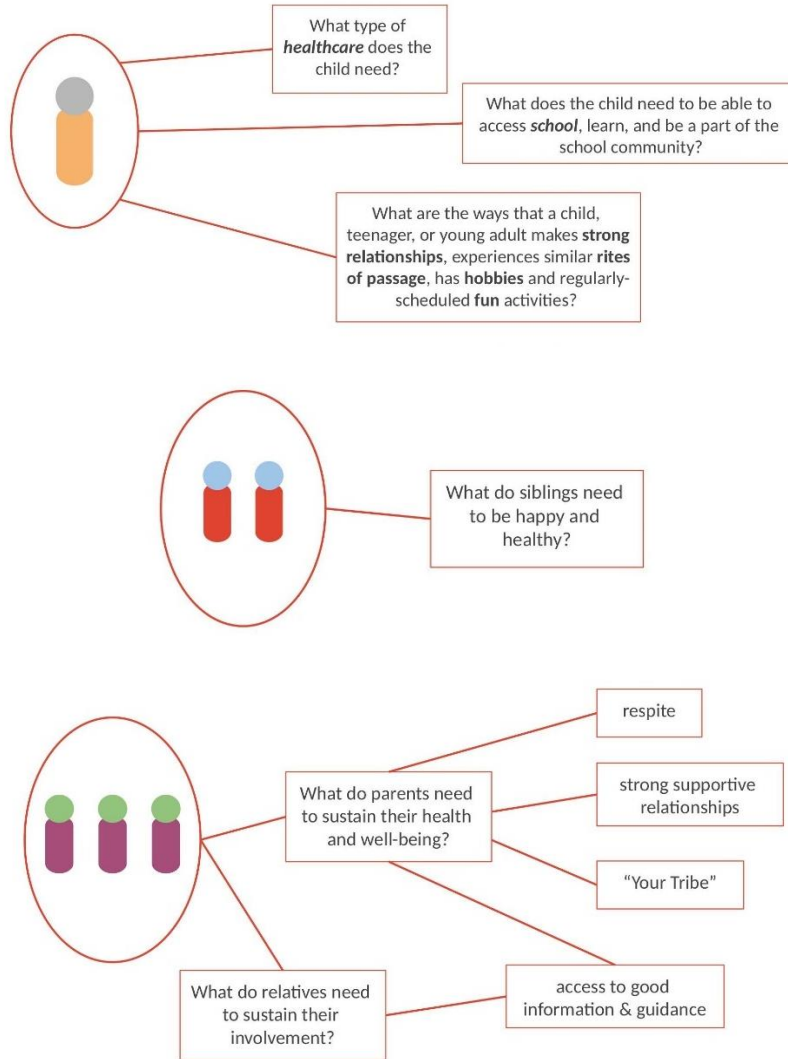
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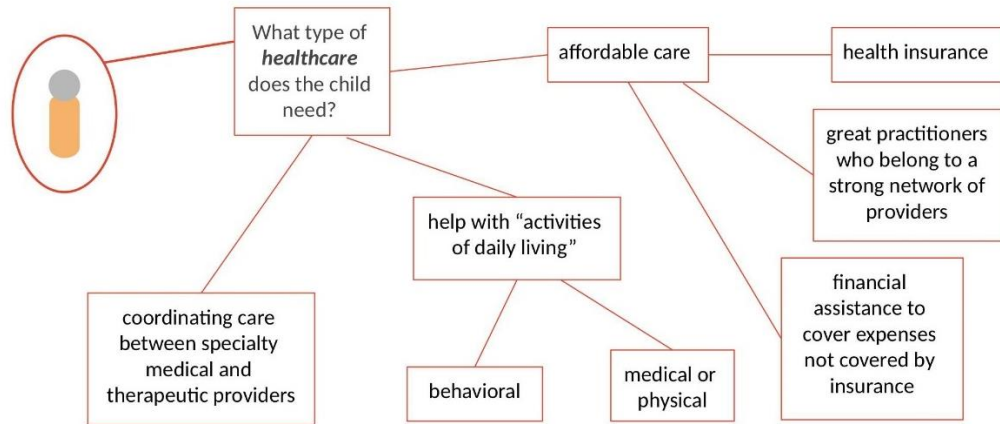
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How To Assess Need



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MassHealth

Application

mass.gov/eohhs/consumer/insurance/apply-for-mashealth.html

Disability Determination Form

mass.gov/eohhs/docs/mashealth/appforms/mads-child.pdf

Massachusetts Family Voices

fcsn.org

(800) 331-0688 ext. 301

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Autism Insurance Resource Center

www.disabilityinfo.org/arica/

800-642-0249

Healthcare for All

www.hcfama.org

800-272-4232

Family TIES of Massachusetts

www.massfamilyties.org

800-905-TIES



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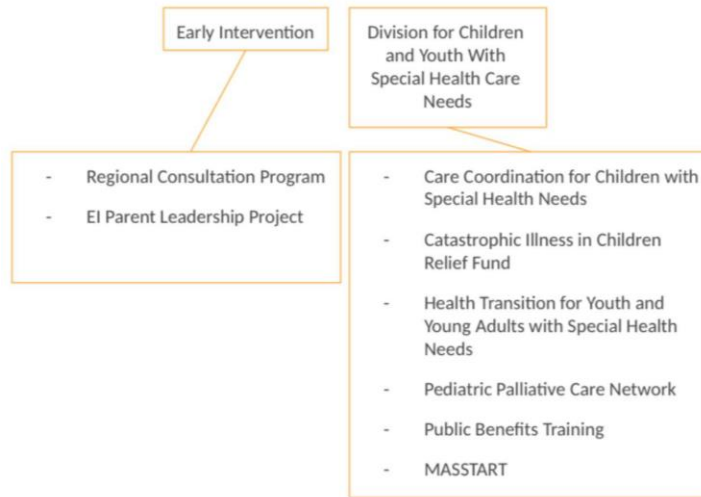
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800-882-1435



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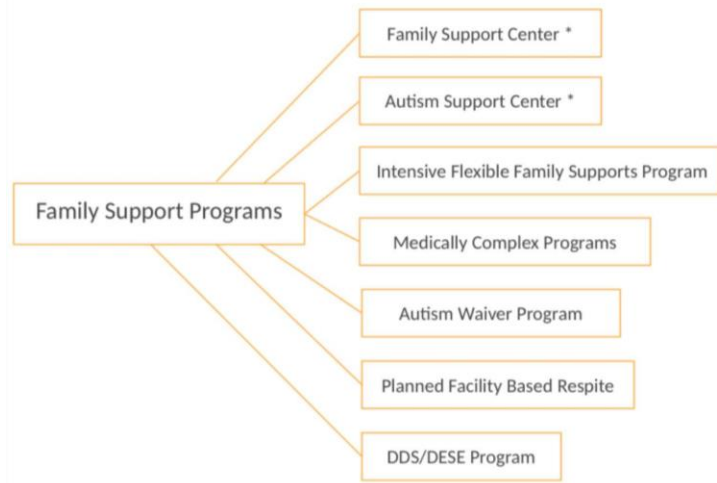
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Department of Developmental Services



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www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dds/

Family Support Directory

www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dmr/reports/family-support/family-support-directory.pdf



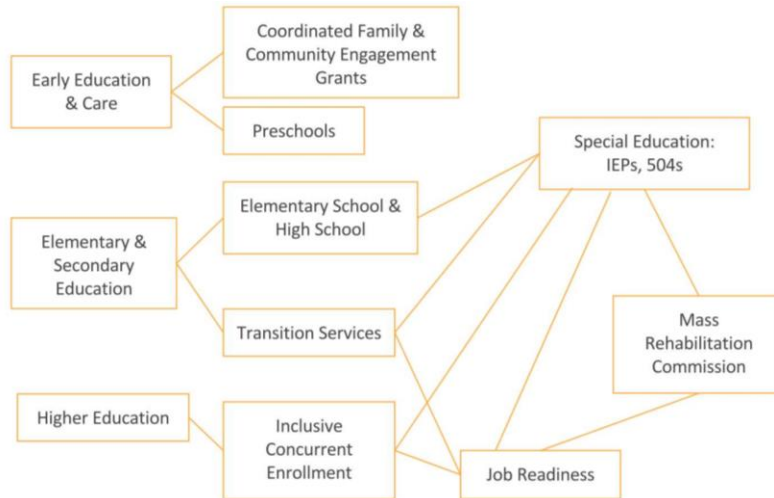
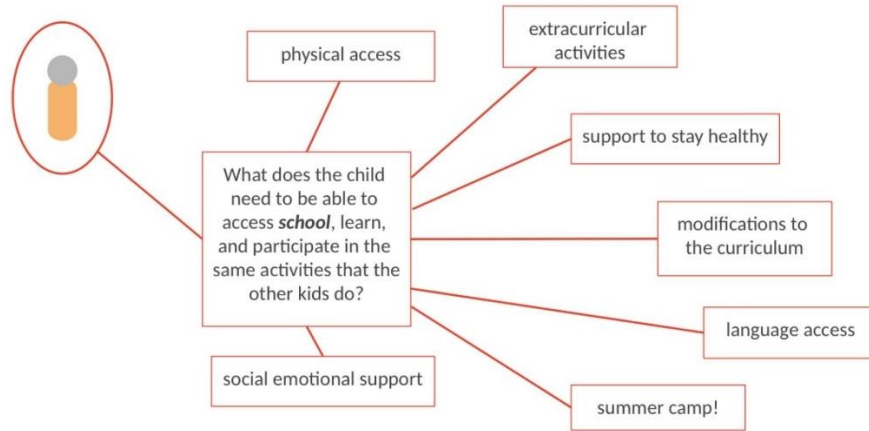
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800-331-0688

Program Quality Assurance

www.doe.mass.edu/pqa/
781-338-3700

Mass Law Reform Institute

www.masslegalhelp.org
Tere Ramos, Language Access Attorney
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Mass Advocates for Children

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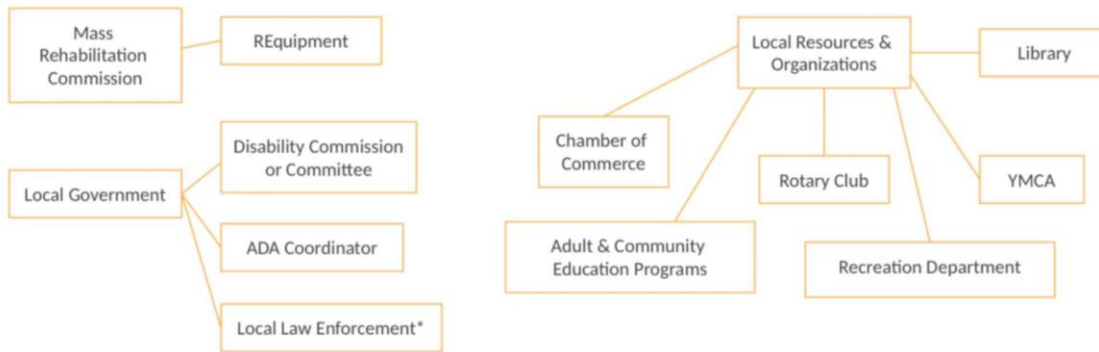
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Resources in the Community



*See the Parent/Professional Advocacy League’s *Police Pocket Guide*
ppal.net/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/ppg-abbreviated-version-final.pdf

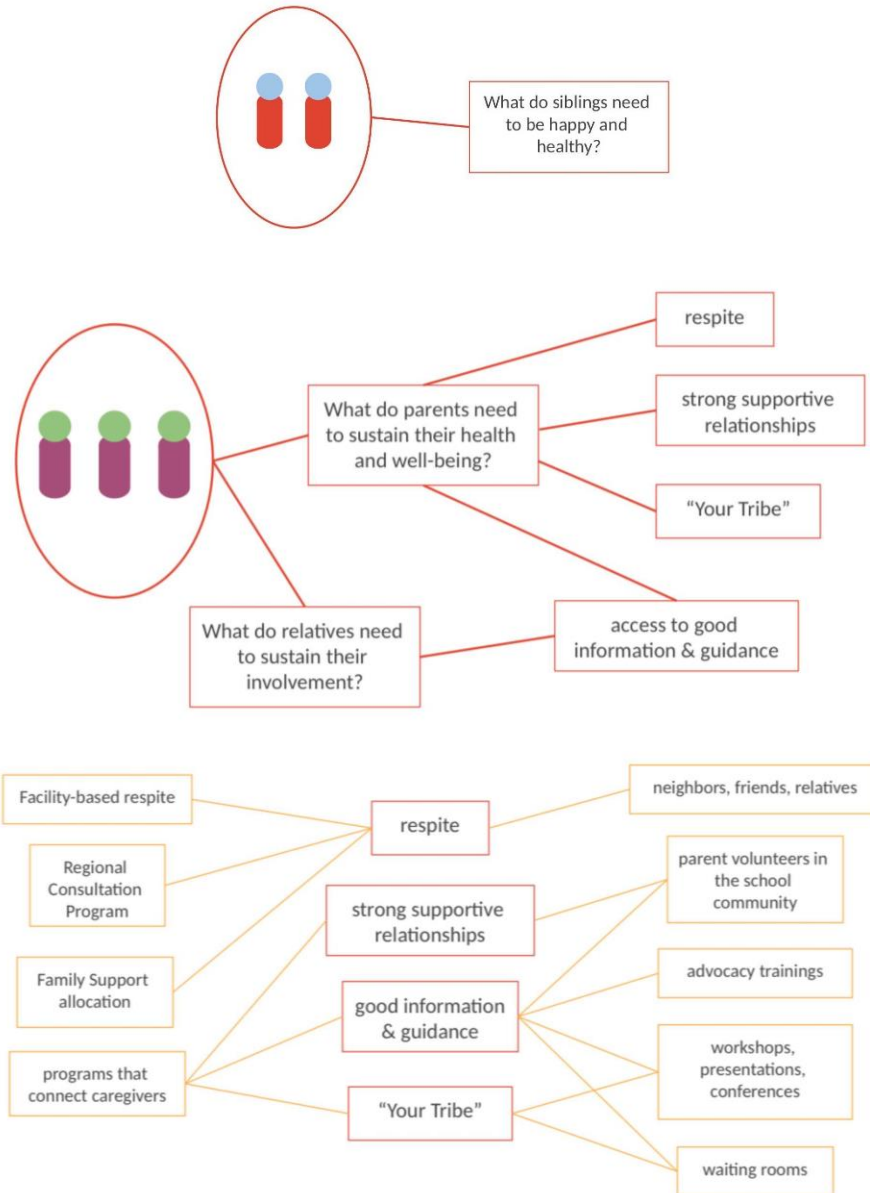


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What about the rest of the family?



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Resources for the Rest of the Family

Workshops, conferences, and webinars.

Service navigation.

Advocacy.

Extended trainings.

Family Leadership Training.

Arc of Massachusetts

thearcofmass.org

arcmass@arcmass.org

781-891-6270

The mission of The Arc of Massachusetts is to enhance the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

Early Intervention Parent Leadership Project

www.eiplp.org

877-35-EI-PLP

The Parent Leadership Project, a project of the Office of Family Initiatives at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, was created to support parents whose children receive early intervention services. The Project’s main goal is to promote lifetime advocacy, leadership skills and the development of an informed parent constituency, which will encourage early intervention services to be increasingly family centered. The Project is a parent driven endeavor, which continually seeks family involvement and input regarding the needs of families enrolled in Early Intervention and is implemented by parents whose own children have received EI services.



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Family TIES of Massachusetts

Family TIES of Massachusetts provides information and referral services, emotional support, and trainings to parents of children and youth with special needs.

Federation for Children with Special Needs

The Federation for Children with Special Needs provides information, support, and assistance to parents of children with disabilities, their professional partners, and their communities. We are committed to listening to and learning from families, and encouraging full participation in community life by all people, especially those with disabilities.

Mass Advocates for Children (MAC)

MAC’s mission is to be an independent and effective voice for children who face significant barriers to equal educational and life opportunities. MAC works to overcome these barriers by changing conditions for many children, while also helping one child at a time.

Mass Family Voices

Massachusetts Family Voices @ the Federation is a state chapter of Family Voices, a national grassroots organization of families, friends and professional partners brought together by a common concern for children and youth with special health care needs. Family Voices aims to achieve family-centered care for all children and youth with special health care needs and/or disabilities. Through our network, we provide families tools to make informed decisions, advocate for improved public and private policies, build partnerships among professionals and families, and serve as a trusted resource on health care.

Massachusetts Families Organizing for Change (MFOFC)

www.mfofc.org

The mission of MFOFC is to provide sustained advocacy and leadership training in pursuit of high quality, individualized community support and service options, including family support, for people with disabilities and their families.

Parent/Professional Advocacy League (PPAL)

PPAL is a statewide family organization dedicated to improving the mental health and well-being of children, youth, and families through education, advocacy and partnership



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