



health law advocates

Lawyers Fighting for Health Care Justice



WHO ARE WE?

Mental Health Advocacy Program for Kids (MHAP for Kids) is a signature program of Health Law Advocates, a nonprofit law firm that provides free legal representation for Massachusetts' residents in low-income situations.

MHAP for Kids' lawyers represent the parents and guardians of young people with unmet mental health needs. We attend IEP meetings and school discipline hearings. We help when families and schools disagree with what a student's needs. We work with parents and guardians whose children are psychiatrically hospitalized or waiting for an inpatient bed. We represent families in securing health care services and insurance coverage.

HOW DO I GET HELP?

1 Call the Intake Line at 617-275-2919 to speak to one of our paralegals. If you are connected to the voice mail, please make leave a message with the best phone number to reach you. If you speak any language other than English, we have access to a interpreters to help.

2 MHAP for Kids' paralegals will ask you questions to obtain as much information as possible so they can determine the best way to help. If we accept your case, a staff attorney will contact you to hear your case and ask further questions.

3 After you speak with our staff attorney, they will then decide if there is a legal issue they can assist you with and you will be offered a representation agreement. Your attorney will also explain all of this to you when you meet with them.

MHAP for Kids is a statewide legal services program and are based out of Family Resource Centers.