

Does your child have an IEP? Do you need help navigating the special education process, reviewing and understanding data, or advocating for your child?

*You and your child may be able to receive free assistance from a special education advocate, consultant, or attorney through the **Special Education Project!***

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service (MVLS) has launched this project to match eligible students with disabilities with qualified advocates, consultants, and attorneys who will provide free services to the student and their family. **These services will be paid for by the Special Education Fund, up to \$5,000 per case and up to \$20,000 over the eligible student's lifetime (based on available funds).**

You may be eligible for the Special Education Project if:

1. You are a student (or the parent of a student) with a disability;
2. Your household income is no more than 150% of the guidelines provided by the Maryland Legal Services Corporation (MLSC). For a family of four, that is no more than \$115,589 (please see the full income eligibility guidelines at www.mvlslaw.org/free-legal-help/eligibility/);
3. You have already attempted to resolve a disagreement with the school about special education services; AND
4. Your case fits one of the following criteria:

The school is proposing a more or less restrictive placement

The school is proposing a decrease in IEP services

The school has suspended or removed the student for more than 10 days

The school has requested a due process hearing against the student or their parent

The school has restrained or secluded the student more than 10 times

The school has proposed an alternative education program for the student

The student or family's native language is not English

This is not legal advice. Please consult an attorney about your specific situation.

For more information please visit: www.mvlslaw.org/about-us/what-we-do/ or contact special education intake between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Monday through Thursday by phone at [833-216-6630](tel:833-216-6630) or email at specialeducation@mvlslaw.org.