



MEET JORDAN EDMOND

Parent Advocate of the Month

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WHAT MADE YOU ADVOCATE FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION?

The tip of the iceberg was when the aftercare administrators labeled our 3 year old as aggressive—even after repeatedly correcting the harmful rhetoric—and then finding out other families faced similar exclusionary treatment with after care in my particular town. My last straw was the lack of accountability allowed by the broken system.

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO EDUCATE YOURSELF ABOUT SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES?

Having a child advocate has been super helpful. And speaking to other parents (who oftentimes suggested a parent advocate) is also helpful. You're not alone.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE OTHER FAMILIES ADVOCATING FOR THEIR CHILD'S RIGHTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION?

Talk to other parents. See if parents in your orbit have experienced what you are going through and ask for advice. With so much information on the internet, word of mouth really helps here. Also, if you feel comfortable, see if anyone in your children's class is experiencing the same thing. When it comes to addressing administration, there is often even more power in numbers.

WHAT DOES BEING YOUR CHILD'S BEST ADVOCATE MEAN TO YOU?

It means speaking up for our child and other children like him. It also means, doing the best I can, and asking for help, feedback, and support from others. You go further when you have a team.

