

Special Needs Advocacy Planning

SNAP supports families and trusts navigating the complex landscape of 504 and Special Education Services. PyxisCare's expert team of Special Education Advocates and Nurse Client Advocates understand the complex processes and requirements necessary to navigate the public education landscape. SNAP's range of services are designed to support a broad range of clients, including 504 students and students with any of the 13 qualification categories for special education.



How We Can Help

- **Navigate the System:** The special education system can be confusing and overwhelming for families. Our advocates help families navigate the system, including understanding the evaluation process and how that information is used to build the student's IEP.
- **Review & Support IEP Development:** Our expert team can help ensure that the IEP is tailored to the student's unique needs, that it includes appropriate goals, objectives and provides the necessary services and accommodations.
- **Monitoring Progress and Advocating for Changes:** SNAP advocates can help families monitor their child's progress in school and advocate for changes to the IEP or services if necessary. They can help ensure that the child is receiving appropriate support and that their educational needs are being met. We believe in providing ongoing support throughout the year, reviewing goal updates and accommodation tracking related to the student's IEP at the end of each grading period.
- **Attend Meetings & Mediation:** Our advocates can accompany families to meetings with school personnel, including Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings, and provide support and guidance during these meetings. They can also assist with mediation and resolution sessions if disagreements arise between the family and the school district.
- **Provide Emotional Support:** Our team believes that your family and your student needs someone in their corner. Navigating the special education system can be emotionally taxing, our advocates can provide emotional support and encouragement to families throughout the process, helping them stay focused on their child's needs and rights. Our goal is to cultivate a collaborative team, working with the family and school district to ensure each student's needs are being met across all settings.
- **Understanding Rights and Services:** SNAP Advocates are well-versed in the laws and regulations surrounding special education, such as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). They can help families understand their rights and entitlements under these laws and ensure that they receive appropriate services and accommodations for their child.
- **Provide Resources & Transition Planning:** Our team has many connections with community resources and support services that may be beneficial to families of children with disabilities. We can refer families to relevant support groups, therapy services, or other resources that can provide additional assistance.
- **Transition Planning:** Transition planning typically begins when the student reaches age 16 (or younger, if determined appropriate by the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team) and focuses on preparing the student for life after high school, including postsecondary education, employment, and independent living. Our team takes pride in providing support, guidance and resources related to
 - Benefits & Waiver Program Enrollment
 - Eligibility criteria, application process & potential impacts on other benefits.
 - Guardianship timeline and referral
 - Special Needs Trusts & ABLE Account
 - Vocational Rehabilitation Services
 - Housing Assistance Programs
 - Job Training & Placement.

What You Can Expect

The PyxisCare SNAP Process begins with an initial meeting with the student & their family and the Special Education Advocate. The initial meeting will lay the foundation for the advocacy process, providing time to discuss parental and student concerns, understand expectations and set goals. A Special Education Advocate will review education records, assessments and IEP/504 documentation, as well as outside service provider notes and assessments. In medically fragile cases, a Nurse Client Advocate can be involved with the team. The family and Special Education Advocate will work together to determine further actions and next steps in the advocacy process.



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PyxisCare Management is based in Dallas/Fort Worth with offices throughout Texas and clients in several states.

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