

# Educational Liaison Program

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Adoption Network Cleveland recognizes that the families we serve often deal with issues related to school. Our Educational Liaison provides support for our families whose children are experiencing any challenges at school. Our families include Adoptive, Kinship, and Foster Families. Many of our children are at risk or have significant deficits resulting from trauma they've experienced. Adoption Network Cleveland is here to educate families and schools about the issues their children face in school and provide all involved with strategies for success. Whether special education eligibility has been officially determined, school issues often result. Our Educational Liaison is here to help.

**Specific services available through the Educational Liaison Program include, but are not limited to:**

- Preparation for and attendance at a child's IEP meeting
- Education on special education policies and procedures
- Connection to appropriate educational information services and resources
- Assistance in working with school professionals, administrators, teachers, and mental health providers
- Presentations to school professionals, administrators, and teachers about embracing family diversity.

There is no fee for families to consult with our Educational Liaison, but we encourage all families that use our services to become members of Adoption Network Cleveland. No one will be turned away for an inability to pay.

For more information about support and resources if you or your children are experiencing any educational challenges, contact:

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For membership details, go to: <http://bit.ly/ancJOINUS> – or contact Gib.

## Testimonies from adoptive parents who have utilized the Educational Liaison Program:

*"Feel you are a great advocate for my needs and a great support."*

*"My 'go-to' for back-up."*

*"They provide me with the support that is needed for my child's special needs and education."*

*"I feel well informed ... I know where to go to find out the answers (to my questions)."*



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