

Home > Education, Employment, & Skill-Building > Education Advocacy

## Education, Employment, & Skill-Building

- Education Advocacy
- Employment Programs
- Habilitation Programs
- Independent Living Skills Training
- Peer Counseling
- Staffing Services for Businesses

### Programs in Your Area



### Join the Movement

WAYS TO GIVE

DONATE NOW

### Tools

Font Size

A- A A+

Translate

Select Language ▼

## Education Advocacy

Our **Education Advocacy** program supports students with disabilities and their parents by providing advocacy and information to ensure that students with disabilities obtain the accommodations in school that will help them succeed.

### How can Education Advocacy help?

Our Education Advocates are dedicated to ensuring that you receive the free and appropriate education to which all students are entitled to. Our advocates can work with you to:

- Request special education testing and make sure appropriate and timely evaluations occur
- Help you understand your rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) and 504
- Review Individualized Education Plans (IEP) and 504 Plans
- Attend meetings and hearings (Committee on Special Education meetings, parent-teacher conferences, disciplinary hearings, manifestation hearings, and other informal meetings)
- Access resources, information, and referrals to help students with disabilities succeed

Our Education Advocate is also available for informational presentations to agencies and education professionals.

### Am I eligible?

Our Education Advocacy program is available to:

- Students with disabilities
- Students who have a 504 Plan or Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
- Students who have not been evaluated for special education services.

The program covers all levels of educational settings, including elementary, secondary, and higher education.

If you have any questions, please contact us to learn more.

## Contact Us

### ONONDAGA COUNTY

**Melissa Havener**  
Lead Education Advocate  
315-671-2926  
mhavener@ariseinc.org

**Brad Burnham**  
Education Advocate  
315-671-5421  
bburnham@ariseinc.org

**Amanda Grzejka**  
Education Advocate  
315-671-5422  
agrzejka@ariseinc.org

### OSWEGO COUNTY

**Vicki Affinati**  
Education Advocate  
315-342-4088 x225  
vaffinati@ariseinc.org

**Kristin Drumm**  
Education Advocate and  
Access to Services  
Coordinator  
Oswego office: 315-342-  
4088 x 230  
Mexico office: 315-963-  
5330  
kdrumm@ariseinc.org

### MADISON COUNTY

**Amanda Grzejka**  
Education Advocate  
315-363-4672 x 226  
agrzejka@ariseinc.org

### CAYUGA/SENECA COUNTY

**Sara Douglass**  
Independent Living  
Coordinator  
315-255-3447 x318  
sdouglass@ariseinc.org

TTY: (315) 479-6383  
Fax: (315) 472-9252

**ARISE at the Farm**  
(Find ARISE at the Farm on a map)  
1972 New Boston Road  
Chittenango, New York 13037  
Phone: (315) 687-6727  
Fax: (315) 687-6727

**ARISE Fulton Mental Health**  
(Find the Fulton Office on a map) 113  
Schuyler Street, Suite 2 Fulton,  
New York 13080 Phone: (315)  
687-5156 Fax: (315) 687-5156

Fax: (315) 383-4675  
TTY: (315) 363-2354



[ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT](#) [PRIVACY POLICY](#) [CONTACT US](#)

