

↳ in connection to research
 Direct Service - 985 - people




ACA 2015

7 Staff - 4 FT, 3 PT

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I & R - 2372




ACA Services

- ↳ Family Support Subsidy (FSS) - Washenaw County Community Mental Health (WCCMH)
- ↳ Work Incentive Planning and Assistance (WIPA) - Social Security Administration (SSA)
- ↳ Region One Coordinator - Developmental Disability Council (DDC)
- ↳ Education Advocacy - Michigan Alliance for Families and ACA Trust Administration
- ↳ General Advocacy - Person Centered Planning (PCP), WCCMH issues, court cases, legislative.


↳ low income families w/ work needs



Why?




Kristen - court go w/ schools in meetings



How Our Process Works - ACA

Call ACA


- Make information
- Review fee for service
- Your referral gets validated or moved along to President/CEO
- When/it we take your case
- Authorizations sent to you
- Authorizations returned to ACA
- ACA sends authorizations to school
- Needed paperwork received from school
- Parent/Guardian called for appointment time



Michigan Alliance for Families


Michigan Alliance for Families is a statewide resource to connect families of children with disabilities to resources to help improve their children's education. We help facilitate parent involvement as a means of improving educational services and outcomes for students with disabilities. Michigan Alliance can assist you in knowing your rights, effectively communicating your child's needs, and advising how to help them develop and learn. Click here to view or print our brochure (English, Spanish, Arabic).

- Rent office space from ACA
- Share phone number
- Collaborate with ACA
- Do not work for ACA
- Funded by MDE




Education Advocacy

- ACA Advocate - Tracy McClatchey
- 10 hours a week
- Financed thru Fee for Service and donations
- Washenaw County
- Priority to ACA members
- Michigan Alliance for Families - Kathy Homan
- Strict referral regulations
- Limited capacity
- Funded and regulated by Michigan Department of Education



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AUTHORIZATION FOR ADVOCACY

I, _____, hereby designate _____ as my advocate in the matters pertaining to the education of my child, _____ at the _____ school.

I authorize the staff of ACA to advocate for my child, examine and review all school documents, ask all questions, and observe/obtain any information in these matters to which I personally have a right.


I understand that these advocates are not attorneys, will not give legal advice, and will not be able to represent me in court.

I understand that my power of authorization is my time by contacting ACA by phone, email, fax, or mail or in person.

This authorization expires on _____ Date.

Signature of parent/legal guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of ACA staff _____ Date _____



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Table 2

Family Member
President (CEO)

Signature _____

Please feel free to call Beth Curbish, our office manager, should you have any questions. 748-662-1256.

Case to be delayed. Wisconsin ACA changes are far easier to manage education advocacy.

Please return the requested paperwork as soon as possible, extended delays in receiving paperwork from you MAY cause your case and create a plan.

Once Wisconsin ACA has received the above paperwork and your payment in full, your child's advocate will call to discuss the case and create a plan.

X _____ Your child's most recent RESIDENCE

X _____ Your child's most recent IEP

X _____ A copy of your child's treatment plan

_____ The signed and dated release

Please return the following:

Think your case involving Wisconsin ACA about your child's special education needs. Otherwise, you will find a release that will allow our services to communicate and require additional records for your child if needed.


Date: _____

Signature: _____

* Show me the data
* Show me the policy




Thank You for Your Time



Let's Talk Transition
Monday, January 30th, 2017
9am-3pm
Transition Training

MHF hostings
- 40 people
- United Way



Trends

- Increased use of self-contained classrooms
- Decreased school day
- Refusing to provide an AI assessment
- Not implementing the behavior plan
- Not providing a behavior plan
- Non compliance of IEP
- Increase of children with trauma
- Increase in grandparents raising grandchildren
- Parents with disabilities raising children with disabilities
- Lack of cooperation of other systems