

Fairfax County Public Schools  
 Department of Special Services • Office of Special Education  
 The Special Education Ombudsmen: Parents Supporting Parents

As part of a support network for parents of students with disabilities, Fairfax County Public Schools provides specially trained parent mentors, called parent ombudsmen, to assist families who are navigating the special education process.

Parent ombudsmen can offer:

- Information about the special education process and services provided by Fairfax County Public Schools
- Strategies for working collaboratively with school teams
- Guidance regarding preparation for Individualized Education Program (IEP) and other school-based meetings
- Referrals to additional county resources

The ombudsmen, all parents of students receiving special education services, are based at designated schools but may assist parents of special education students from any school within their cluster. While they are employed part-time by the school system, their role calls for them to be objective and impartial in working with parents and schools. For more information or to request the services of a special education parent ombudsman, please call the special education office phone number for your cluster which is listed below. You may also directly contact the ombudsman for your cluster.

2007-2008 Ombudsmen		Special Education Cluster Offices:
<p><b>Cluster I: Tracey Maxwell</b>            Pyramids: Herndon, Langley, McLean            703-204-3992 X7536            Tracey.Maxwell@fcps.edu</p>	<p><b>Cluster V: Marta Morrissey</b>            Pyramids: Lee, Hayfield, South County, Edison            703-329-2534            Marta.Morrissey1@fcps.edu</p>	<p>Cluster I: 703-204-3827            Cluster II: 703-204-3827            Cluster III: 703-219-2426            Cluster IV: 703-329-2530            Cluster V: 703-329-2530            Cluster VI: 703-329-2530            Cluster VII: 703-219-2426            Cluster VIII: 703-219-2426</p>
<p><b>Cluster II: Eva Nagyne</b>            Pyramids: Falls Church, Madison, Marshall            703-204-3992 X7530            Eva.Nagyne@fcps.edu</p>	<p><b>Cluster VI: Phyllis Cook</b>            Pyramids: Robinson, Lake Braddock, West Springfield            571-423-4243            Phyllis.Cook1@fcps.edu</p>	<hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Additional Supports for Parents:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Parent Resource Center</b>            703-204-3941  <a href="http://www.fcps.edu/ss/prc">www.fcps.edu/ss/prc</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities</b>            703-204-3941  <a href="http://www.fcps.edu/ss/ACSD">www.fcps.edu/ss/ACSD</a></p>
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