

What are people saying about MassPAC?

"Being a member of MassPAC has given us a way to develop the focus and impact of our SEPAC. Thank you!"

"Anyone who is feeling that their SEPAC is stagnant must attend a leadership workshop to experience the camaraderie that we all feel."

"MassPAC has been a great resource for us!"

How Can I Join MassPAC?

MassPAC at the Federation offers two membership levels to SEPACs, each with a valuable package of trainings, listserv and website access, and Federation discounts. Individuals are also welcome to join MassPAC and take part in the statewide listserv conversation.

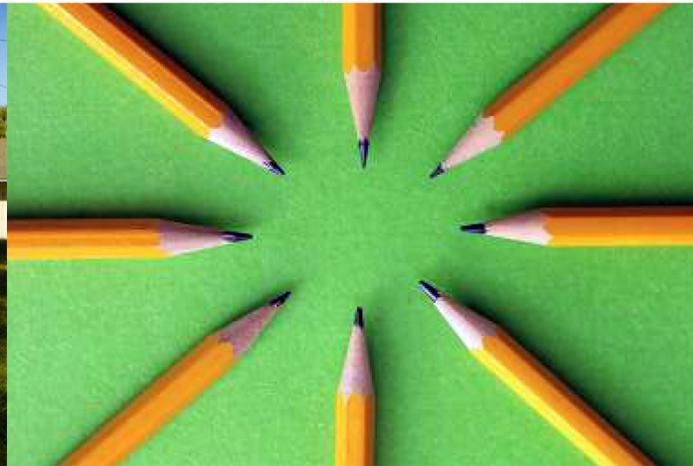
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FEDERATION FOR CHILDREN
WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Massachusetts Association of
Special Education Parent Advisory Councils



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Department of Elementary
& Secondary Education
Guidance for SEPACs:
www.doe.mass.edu/sped/pac**

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*Encouraging parent
leadership and
parent-school district
partnerships through
special education parent
advisory councils.*

MassPAC at the Federation is the statewide organization providing information, training, and networking opportunities to Massachusetts special education parent advisory councils (SEPACs) and the professionals who collaborate with them.



How do we do that?

- Through the statewide MassPAC listserv and website, we offer SEPAC leaders, school professionals, and other interested individuals the opportunity to network, share resources, and exchange ideas.
- Through statewide in-person leadership trainings, phone support, and webinars, we offer guidance on effective practices for parents and professionals.

Why be part of MassPAC?

- Because research shows that student success is directly linked to parental involvement in schools.
- Because by building relationships based on trust, parent leaders and school professionals can collaborate to make positive change happen.
- Because Massachusetts special education law requires SEPACs and districts to work together.
- Because SEPACs increase knowledge and skills for families to become more engaged.



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MASSACHUSETTS REGULATIONS:

603 CMR 28:07(4)

Each school district shall create a districtwide parent advisory council offering membership to all parents of eligible students and other interested parties. The parent advisory council



duties shall include but not be limited to: advising the district on matters that pertain to the education and safety of students with disabilities; meeting regularly with school officials to participate in the planning, development, and evaluation of the school district's special education programs. The parent advisory council shall establish by-laws regarding officers and operational procedures, and, in the course of its duties, the parent advisory council shall receive assistance from the district without charge, upon reasonable notice, and subject to the availability of staff and resources.

603 CMR 28:03 (1)(a)(iv)

The district shall conduct, in cooperation with the parent advisory council, at least one workshop annually within the school district on the rights of students and their parents and guardians under state and federal special education laws.