

# Project A.N.C.H.O.R Resources

Resources in and around the community to help serve families:

## **Information on the Public Charge Rule:**

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/information-about-the-public-charge-rule-and-how-it-may-impact-you#information-about-the-public-charge-rule->

## **MetroWest Legal Services - Framingham:**

- <https://mwlegal.org/>
- “MetroWest Legal Services provides free civil legal aid to low-income people and victims of crime who would be denied justice without our help. Our priority practice areas include: Family Law, Housing, Homeless Advocacy, Government Benefits (including Social Security), Education, Elder Law & Immigration.”

## **MLP - Medical Legal Partnership**

- <https://medical-legalpartnership.org/about-us/>

- “The National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership leads education, research, and technical assistance efforts to help every health organization in the United States leverage legal services as a standard part of the way they respond to social needs...Medical-legal partnerships integrate the unique expertise

of lawyers into health care settings to help clinicians, case managers, and social workers address structural problems at the root of so many health inequities.”

## **Early Intervention (EI) Regional Consultation Programs**

- <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/early-intervention-ei-regional-consultation-programs#provider-documents->

- “The Department of Public Health (DPH) created 6 Regional Consultation Programs (RCPs) to help families access additional services for children enrolled in EI who have complex medical needs or multiple disabilities. Each EI program in Massachusetts has an assigned RCP Coordinator. The RCPs are located in the West, Central, Northeast, Southeast, Metro West, and Boston regions. EI service coordinators discuss RCP services with families. If the family is interested, they follow a referral process to the RCP Coordinator.”

## **Federation for Children with Special Needs**

- <https://fcsn.org/trainings/>

- “Provides information, support, and assistance to parents of children with disabilities, their professional partners, and their communities. The Federation promotes the active and informed participation of parents of children with disabilities in shaping, implementing, and evaluating public policy that affects them.

The Federation believes in the power of parents helping parents and has infused a proven model of peer support throughout all its work.”

## **Adult Services for Autism and Disabilities**

[-https://www.mass.gov/service-details/adult-services](https://www.mass.gov/service-details/adult-services)

- “Adult services for autism and disabilities focus on resources that impact all facets of adult life including employment, housing, community life and post-secondary education.”

## **Autistic Self Advocacy Network**

[-https://autisticadvocacy.org/about-asan/](https://autisticadvocacy.org/about-asan/)

- “The Autistic Self Advocacy Network is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization run by and for autistic people. The Autistic Self Advocacy Network seeks to advance the principles of the disability rights movement with regard to autism. ASAN was created to serve as a national grassroots disability rights organization for the autistic community, advocating for systems change and ensuring that the voices of autistic people are heard in policy debates and the halls of power. Our staff work to advance civil rights, support self-advocacy in all its forms, and improve public perceptions of autism. ASAN’s members and supporters include autistic adults and youth, cross-disability advocates, and non-autistic family members, professionals, educators, and friends. Our activities include public policy advocacy, the development of autistic cultural activities, and leadership trainings for autistic self-advocates. We provide

information about autism, disability rights, and systems change to the public through a number of different educational, cultural, and advocacy related projects.”

## **Work Without Limits**

[-https://workwithoutlimits.org](https://workwithoutlimits.org)

- “Work Without Limits is a network of employers, educational institutions, employment service providers, state and federal agencies, individuals with disabilities and their family members. Through collaboration and partnership, our goal is to increase the employment of people with disabilities until it is equal to those without disabilities. Work Without Limits programs and services are geared to meet the needs of businesses that actively recruit people with disabilities as employees and in their supply chains, individuals with disabilities who are seeking jobs, and the employment providers that serve them.”