

Parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other related disorders will often have to act as an advocate for their child in order to ensure proper support is provided to succeed in a classroom environment. You are your child's best advocate as you know your child the best and care the most about his/her future. Remember, advocacy is a skill that can be developed, so start with small steps and ask for support and guidance when you need it. Below are two parent handbooks with extensive advocacy information.

[Chapter 8: The Role of Parental Advocacy in Navigating the School System](#)

ACT's Autism Manual for B.C.

A step by step guide on how to best act as a positive, effective advocate for your child in BC's school system.

[A Parent's Handbook on Education](#)

Inclusion B.C.

A parents handbook on the importance of inclusivity, advocacy skills, and navigating policy.

[Advocacy Roadmap](#)

Autism Support Network

An easy-to-follow, bite-sized guide on advocacy.

Talk To Us

Have a question? Looking for further information? Our friendly and knowledgeable Information Officers provide personalized support through email, phone, and in-person.

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