

Serving as a Surrogate Parent

NEW and IMPROVED Surrogate Parent Training Available

What is a surrogate parent?

A surrogate parent represents a child in all special education matters when the child's parents are not able to do so.

What do surrogate parents do?

- Get to know the child;
- Review education records;
- Attend evaluation team and IEP team meetings;
- Make informed decisions about the education of the child.

Is the role of surrogate parent right for me?

- Are you a good listener?
- Are you a good problem-solver?
- Do you communicate well with others?
- Do you care about students with disabilities?

If you answered yes to these questions, the role of surrogate parent might be a great fit for you!

Who should take this training?

- All current* surrogate parents; and
- Anyone who would like to become a surrogate parent.

How do I become a surrogate parent?

Take the training available at ohiosurrogateparent.org.

Where can I get more information?

State Support Team 11

Email Steven Moran at steven.moran@escoco.org.

Ohio Department of Education

Email Karen Johnson at karen.johnson@education.ohio.gov or Chrissy Cline at chrissy.cline@education.ohio.gov.

**Deadline for current surrogate parents to complete the training is August 2, 2022.*