

## AM I ELIGIBLE FOR CLP?

### To be eligible:

- You must be the parent or guardian of a child under the age of 21
- The child must have a disability (the child does not need to be receiving disability benefits or have an official diagnosis to be eligible)
- Household income and assets must be within certain limits
- You must live in Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, or Schenectady Counties.

If you believe your child has a disability, our intake staff can determine your child's eligibility for the Children's Law Project.

If you are a minor and not living with your parent or guardian, you may call our intake staff yourself to see if you are eligible for the CLP.



**95 Central Avenue  
Albany, NY 12206**

**Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9 am – 5 pm**

***The Children's Law Project  
has open intake throughout the day,  
but the best time to call is between  
11:00 am and 5:00 pm.***

**Please contact LASNNY at  
(800) 462-2922 or (518) 462-6765  
Fax (518) 427-8352**

For more information, or to make a donation, visit us on the web at:

[www.lasnny.org](http://www.lasnny.org)

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# Children's Law Project



## WHAT IS THE CHILDREN'S LAW PROJECT?

The Children's Law Project provides legal advice and assistance for low-income children with disabilities. We focus on getting them the services they need for a free and appropriate public education (FAPE), protecting their rights, making sure they are treated fairly in cases of school discipline, and assisting children who are seeking Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

We also have educational materials available and the CLP attorney is available to give presentations on these and other issues affecting children. Please contact LASNNY's Albany office for more information.

CLP also collaborates with the Capital District Special Education Task Force. Find out more about the Task Force by visiting <https://www.nyspecialtaskforce.org>.

## SOME KINDS OF CASES WE HANDLE

### ■ Special Education

Children with disabilities may be eligible to get special services or programs at school for free, such as 504 Plans or IEPs.

#### **Section 504 Plan:**

If your child does not qualify for an IEP but has a disability that substantially limits at least one major life activity (such as walking, breathing, speaking, seeing or hearing, or learning) he or she may be eligible to receive accommodations.

Some examples of accommodations available under a 504 Plan are enlarged font on assignments, additional testing time, modified class schedule, seating arrangements, use of medication, or use of assistive technology.

#### **Individualized Education Plan (IEP):**

If you believe that your child's disability affects his or her ability to learn, she may qualify for an IEP. There are 13 different disability classifications which qualify for an IEP.

An IEP is a document that identifies your child's individual needs and includes accommodations and special services to address those needs. Possibilities include a smaller classroom setting, a classroom aide, changes in homework or testing or special transportation.

In either of these situations, we may be able to investigate the case, make a referral to the school district for the services, and/or represent you at special education meetings with the school district.

### ■ School Discipline

Students with disabilities have special rights if the school is considering discipline. Let us know if you have concerns about your child's suspension or expulsion, behavioral intervention plan, or the school's use of physical restraints.

### ■ Other School Issues

We also offer legal assistance for children with disabilities on issues involving school transportation, residential or special education placements, and bullying.

### ■ Supplemental Security Income

Children with disabilities may be eligible to receive SSI benefits. Due to the different considerations used by the Social Security Administration, many children who qualify for an IEP or 504 plan will not qualify for SSI. We may discuss your child's potential eligibility for SSI as part of your special education case.

