



# Special Education Assistance for Tennessee Families



a brighter future for children with disabilities



STEP's vision is to ensure a brighter future for children and youth in Tennessee, with an emphasis on those with disabilities, special health care needs, and mental health needs.

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### WHAT is STEP?



STEP - Support and Training for Exceptional Parents, Inc. is a statewide not-for-profit established in 1989 serving Tennessee families. We are Tennessee's PTI - Parent Training and Information Center.

# STEP believes parents and caregivers are a child's best advocate.

## WHO do we help?

Families or caregivers in Tennessee with children and youth, birth to 26, with a diagnosed or suspected disability or special healthcare/ mental health need.

## HOW do we help?

- ★ Navigating special education ★ Life after high school laws
- ★ IEP or 504 Plan review and assistance
- ★ Workshops and in-person training
- ★ Referrals to other agencies

- planning
- ★ Training videos and webinars
- ★ Collaboration and communication
- ★ Special education updates

# Services are FREE for Tennessee families

**STEP believes in collaborating with** schools and agencies to improve results for Tennessee students.

#### WHAT does STEP offer professionals?

★ High quality in-service and professional development

- $\rightarrow$  IDEA and Section 504
- $\rightarrow$  Instructionally appropriate IEPs
- $\rightarrow$  Response to Intervention
- $\rightarrow$  Family engagement
- $\rightarrow$  Postsecondary transition
- → Customized needs-based training
- ★ Parent workshops on special education topics
- ★ Youth activities

#### HOW much does it cost?

- ★ FREE if parents and caregivers are invited
- ★ FREE if funded by grants from the Tennessee Department of Education
- ★ Fee-for-service but very cost effective



