

# ADVOCATING APPROPRIATE EDUCATION FOR YOUR CHILD

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- Learn the status quo
- Establish yourself as an ally to education
- Know what should be happening
- Give credit for jobs well done
- Choose your battles
- Prepare your case
- Present your case

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## **Some approaches that help:**

### **Self-learning:**

- ☛ Reflection
- ☛ Experiencing learning with their children

### **Parent education:**

- ☛ Reading books, articles, and handout materials about giftedness
- ☛ Attending parents' meetings and conferences about gifted children and their education

### **Making connections:**

- ☛ Finding ONE PERSON who understands
- ☛ Joining organizations for parents of gifted children focused on advocacy for the children
- ☛ Participating in guided discussion groups for parents

### **Counseling:**

- ☛ Individual counseling
- ☛ Group counseling
- ☛ Career/vocational counseling

### **Support for new directions:**

- ☛ Exploring interests and passions
- ☛ Enrolling in educational programs for new careers