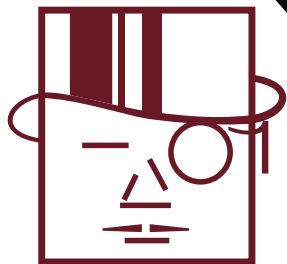


# VOLUNTEER TO BECOME A SURROGATE PARENT

Be a Voice for a Child  
with a Disability



Federal and state special education laws grant students with disabilities the right to be represented by a parent regarding special education matters. Unfortunately, many children do not have a "parent" to represent them. Wellington Village Schools is seeking surrogate parents to act on behalf of students with disabilities to ensure that they have the same protections as all students eligible for special education services.

## ***Who can be a surrogate parent?***

Anyone with a sincere interest in helping a child with disabilities

## ***What does a surrogate parent do?***

Steps in and becomes a part of a team of educators and other professionals to ensure the student's voice is heard, educational needs are met, and to support their success

## ***Why is this role so important?***

Ensures the student is represented in matters relating to identification, evaluation, and educational placement

## ***How do you become a surrogate?***

Devote time to attend meetings and training sessions

**If you would like more  
information about becoming a  
surrogate parent, please contact:**

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