

I Am A Parent

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- I am a parent of a child with special needs. That is my sole reason for being here. I have no hidden agenda; no secret mission. My directions are driven by past frustrations and our family's successes. They create my vision and supply me with energy.
- I am a parent of a child with special needs. I don't know everything. On some days, I don't know anything. What I know can't be found in a book, and you can't hire someone to teach it to you. I can't separate what I am from where I have been.
- I am a parent of a child with special needs. I know what it is like to believe in the impossible, to hope for the unattainable, and have faith that it will all work out. I share this with other families who get through each day on little more than belief, hopes, and faith.
- I am a parent of a child with special needs. I didn't ask for this position and I can't give it back. It belongs to me and is my responsibility, just as my child is my responsibility.
- I am a parent of a child with special needs. I work to prepare other families like mine for the system and I work to prepare the system for other families like mine. When I fall short of your expectations and when I disappoint you, please remember why I was asked here in the first place.
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