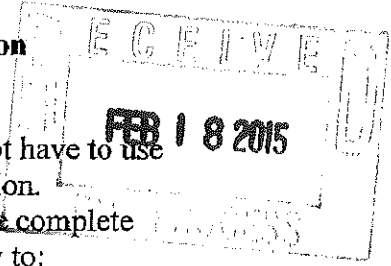


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Connecticut State Department of Education - Bureau of Special Education
Special Education Complaint Form



This is a recommended form for the filing of special education complaints. You do not have to use this form to file a complaint although it will help you to include the required information. (Questions may be directed to Bureau staff at 860-713-6921 or 860-713-6938.) Please complete this form and forward to the parents or school district (as appropriate) and send a copy to:

State Department of Education
Bureau of Special Education
P.O. Box 2219 - Room 359
Hartford, CT 06145-2219

Date: 02/17/2015 Person/Agency filing the Complaint: Mary Ellen Riccio, surrogate parent

Address 20G Harbour Village (street) Phone: 203-848-8245
Branford Ct 06405
(town) (state)

Parent's Name (if different): [redacted] Phone: [redacted]

Child's Name [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Date of Birth 09/20/2007
(last) (middle) (first)

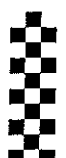
Education Agency (school district) Norwalk Public Schools

Name of School the Child Attends Brookside Elementary Disability Category to be determined

Child's Address: [redacted]
(street)
Stamford Ct 06902
(town) (state) (zip)

Be specific as to why you believe that a requirement of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act has been violated. Include a description of the relevant facts, the nature of the child's problem and a proposed resolution of the problem to the extent known and available at this time. Please forward a copy of this complaint to the education agency. If necessary, you may attach additional sheets as well as documentation of your complaint allegations.

On February 12, 2015 I received an email from Christina Fensore, Director of Personnel Services for Norwalk Public Schools telling me that [redacted] [redacted] has moved to a new foster home in Stamford and that now Stamford would be responsible for any evaluations, independent or otherwise. [redacted] is attending Brookside Elementary School in Norwalk, and has attended Norwalk Public Schools for her entire school career. In September, at [redacted] last PPT Meeting, Norwalk denied [redacted] a eligibility for special education services. I requested an IEE. I filed a complaint because Norwalk Public Schools did not take me to Due Process. After I filed the complaint, in answer to the complaint Norwalk took me to Due Process. On January 6, Norwalk Board of Education proposed a resolution of the Due Proceess Hearing. The Board withdrew its hearing request and offer to finance a psychoeducational evaluation by the Southfield Center. I countered that I wanted Jill Edgar, or Rudy Rosario, to do the IEE. Norwalk Board of Education agreed to have Jill Edgar do the IEE.



I believe Norwalk is responsible for funding the IEE, regardless of the fact that [REDACTED] just moved to Stamford. They agreed to this. [REDACTED] is still a student at Brookside Elementary School in Norwalk. Norwalk Public Schools administered the initial psychoeducational evaluation.

Signature of Complainant Mary Ellen Riccio, Surrogate Parent