



## Are you concerned?

You may be worried about the level or type of provision your child is receiving at school or maybe you feel you do not fully understand the system.

Call our confidential  
Telephone Advice Line

**028 9079 5779**

Our trained volunteers will listen and advise in the first instance and where appropriate take a few details and refer you to our Legal Advisor and Advocacy Worker.



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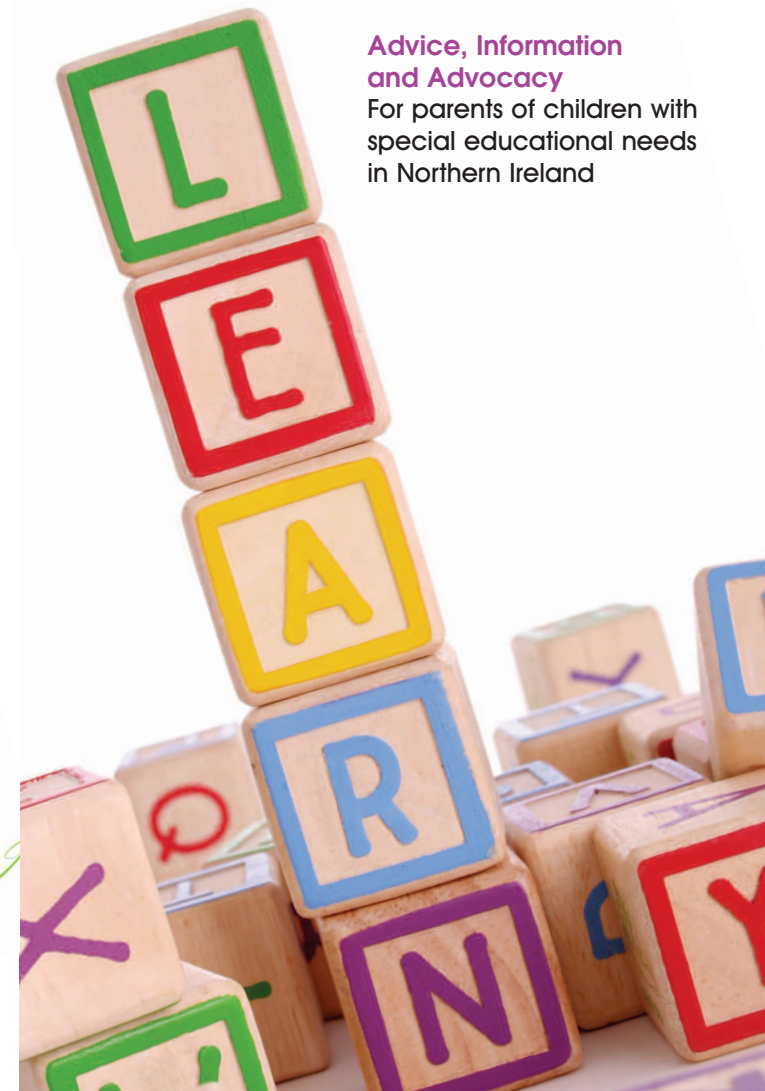


# Senac

Special Educational Needs Advice Centre

**Advice, Information  
and Advocacy**

For parents of children with  
special educational needs  
in Northern Ireland



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## What do we do?

- Advise on the special educational needs provision for children and young people up to 19yrs.
- Advise across the entire range of learning difficulties/disabilities
- Telephone Advice Line **028 9079 5779**
- Website - [www.senac.co.uk](http://www.senac.co.uk)
- Advocacy service
- Parent Information Pack
- Information sessions for parent groups, schools, Boards of Governors and voluntary organisations

## How can we help?

### We can offer parents and carers help with:

- Understanding school based **stages 1-3**
- Interpreting Individual Educational Plans (**IEPs**)
- **Drafting letters** to schools or Education Boards
- Guidance on the **Statutory Assessment Process**
- Assistance completing 'Parental Advice' **forms**
- Reading and interpreting professional **reports**
- Checking proposed **Statements** of Special Educational Needs (**SEN**)
- Interpreting and applying the **SEN Codes** of Practice and legislation
- Signposting parents to other legal **specialists** where required
- Signposting parents to **support groups** which can meet other aspects of the child's needs

## We can also

- Accompany parents to meetings with Education & Library Boards
- Attend school meetings with teachers, SENCO's and Principals.

## How you can help

- Train as an **Advice Line volunteer**
- Volunteer a few hours to help in the **office**
- **Fundraise.** You could nominate us as your workplace charity, run a small event for us or help organise a larger event.
- Raise money for us while you shop at no extra cost to you, go to: [www.easyfunding.org.uk/causes/senac](http://www.easyfunding.org.uk/causes/senac)

If you are interested in sharing your time and expertise please contact us on **028 9070 5654**