



SHARE YOUR VOICE!

Family TIES of Massachusetts invites you to share your voice and become a parent leader in Massachusetts. Parents of children with special needs advocate daily for their children’s educational, medical, and social needs. Each of us has the potential to serve as an advisor to the “powers that be.” Family TIES is offering **you** the opportunity to take the next step in advocacy—become a Family TIES advisor. As a Family TIES parent advisor, you will be invited to share your expertise with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and be given the opportunity to participate in whatever way fits into your life. Training is available.

Some examples include:

- ◆ Attend focus groups
- ◆ Participate in phone or written surveys
- ◆ Serve on an advisory board
- ◆ Review educational materials or grants
- ◆ Participate on a committee
- ◆ Become part of a phone tree

Would you like to help make a difference? Return this completed form to:
Family TIES Parent-to-Parent Coordinator
MDPH-CRHO, 180 Beaman Street, West Boylston, MA 01583

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____ E-mail: _____

City/Town: _____ Zip Code: _____ Best time to contact: _____

Child’s Special Needs: _____ Child’s Age _____

My primary and secondary languages are: _____

My personal areas of interest are:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Access to Medical Care <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Competency/Diversity <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Medical Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Estate/Financial Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Genetic Testing and Genetics Education <input type="checkbox"/> Health Insurance - Public and Private Policies <input type="checkbox"/> Informed Consent for Medical Treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Development <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Home Partnerships <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition for Children with Special Needs <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Education/Training Opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Program Development/Grant Reviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy Issues—What Affects Your Family <input type="checkbox"/> Respite/Family Supports <input type="checkbox"/> Special Education <input type="checkbox"/> Transition Issues—Independent Living & Healthcare Self-Management Skills <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other Issues - Please specify: <input type="checkbox"/> Please notify me when a Leadership workshop becomes available.
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Questions? Call Family TIES of Massachusetts at 800-905-TIES (8437)





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