

Enrich a Child's Future

New Hampshire Citizens Making an Extraordinary Difference

Would you like to make a difference in the education of a child with special needs?

- **The Educational Surrogate Parent Program is looking for caring individuals who are committed to children and understand the importance of education.**

The *Educational Surrogate Parent Program*, coordinated by the New Hampshire Department of Education, Bureau of Student Support, is a volunteer program designed to provide a child with a disability with an Educational Surrogate Parent to act as the child's educational decision-maker. As the educational decision-maker, volunteers participate in a child's special education team meetings.

- ❖ **Volunteers:**
 - ✓ Represent children whose parents are unavailable or unable to participate in the special education process.
 - ✓ Are not responsible for any financial costs or direct care of the child.
 - ✓ Must be at least 21 years of age and complete an application that includes a background check.
- ❖ The NH DOE requires applicants to participate in a nine-hour training, which is offered at no cost to applicants. The training includes information on the special education process and related topics.
- ❖ The NH DOE offers on-going support and assistance to Educational Surrogate Parents. Educational Surrogate Parents are also eligible to participate in other learning opportunities through the NH DOE.

2020 Training Schedule

- **Tuesday, April 21; 8:00a-4:00p**
- **Thursday, June 4; 8:00a-4:00p**
- **Tuesday, August 11; 8:00a-4:00p**
- **Thursday, October 11; 8:00a-4:00p**
- **Thursday, December 3; 8:00a-4:00p**

To register for a training, or for more information regarding the Educational Surrogate Parent Program, contact:

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Minimum of 5 participants must be signed up for training to be held.