



**THE NORTH ANDOVER
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
(NAPAC)**

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Hello! We are beginning our fifth year of providing a network for parents of children with special needs in North Andover and our membership continues to grow, as does our involvement in the community. We support the North Andover Special Olympics and the Best Buddies program at the High School, and for the first time ever North Andover's special educators were recognized at our Special Educators Appreciation Celebration in May 2006.

Our goal is to continue to bring resources, information and support to the parents in the community whose children are on IEP's or 504's, or who just have questions that relate to special education or raising a child with special needs. Meetings will offer speakers who have experience in the many areas of special education, intervention, therapies and assistance that interest our parent membership, as well as the opportunity to meet and connect with other parents and our special education administrators.

All are welcome to attend our meetings, no registration or fee is required and you do not have to be a member of the PAC. Please feel free to bring along a friend or two. We also have a list serve from which we will periodically send out emails of interest such as seminars, research studies, volunteer opportunities and updates related to the North Andover special needs community. You may join this by sending your email address to NorthAndoverPAC@comcast.net.

In 2006 we launched our website in conjunction with the North Andover Public Schools. We are linked at www.northandover.k12.ma.us and you will be able to access our meeting minutes as well as additional information relating to special needs. Please take a moment to check out our "NAPAC Past and Future" link to review the many workshops and speakers we have provided so far!

As with most volunteer organizations, we need help! If you would like to participate as a member of our board your talents, time and creativity would be most appreciated. There are truly no requirements other than a desire to be involved in helping others, a little bit of administrative work and a once monthly board meeting. We need a secretary, a treasurer and a public relations/community service liaison. If you're interested, please email us. We'd love to have you join us!

Sincerely,

Lisa Staff, Co-Chair

Kathy Keith, Co-Chair