

# Education Advocate Training

There are approximately 800 children in SRS or JJA custody with exceptionalities whose parents are unknown or unavailable. These children need someone to represent them in special education matters. This training is for all parents: biological, adoptive or foster, SRS & JJA workers, SRS subcontracted agency workers, volunteers, and all other interested persons. Education Advocates who are already trained would also benefit from this training as changes made in the law as a result of the reauthorization in 2004 will be discussed.

This is a free training.

## Duties of an Education Advocate include:

- becoming acquainted with the child
- becoming acquainted with the child's school history
  - giving consent for evaluation procedures
- giving input to the development of the child's Individualized Education Program (IEP)
  - reviewing special education programs

Individuals that are employed by a school district or coop may not serve as an Education Advocate in that district. This also includes those school employees who are foster parents. SRS workers are not eligible to serve children as an Education Advocate.



## Training Information

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 11, 2008  
**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (lunch on your own)  
**PLACE:** Hutchinson Public Library  
2nd floor Auditorium  
910 N Main St  
Hutchinson, KS 67501

To register, call Kari or Misty at Families Together, Inc.  
785-233-4777 or 1-800-264-6343

(toll free for parents & adoptive/foster parents only)

If you require special accommodations to attend this training,  
please notify Families Together two weeks in advance.

Education Advocate trainings are provided by Families Together, Inc.  
through a contract with the Kansas State Department of Education

\*\*Proof of attendance/CEU credit available for those registered through the Behavioral  
Sciences Regulatory Board.

Note: You will need to provide the names, addresses, and phone numbers of three personal  
references if you wish to apply to become an Education Advocate.

