

This passionate Mom changed careers to become a specialized educational instructor. The challenges I saw my child facing were heartbreaking. Why was his behavior getting in the way of his education? How was I supposed to understand all of this and help him navigate life? I used my social and networking skills, garnered from years in the hospitality industry, to co-found The Parent Partnership Council. Working with various department heads, we started a group of educational service providers who collaborated with parents ensuring that all members of the pupil placement team can better understand the variety of services and needs facing children who require specialized instruction.

As a Commissioner on the Commission on Disabilities, I continue to support and advocate for children in special education. This commission serves all people in our city who have different abilities. We respectfully challenge the way people think and plan and live so our neighbors and family members with disabilities can enjoy a healthy dignified life, here in New Haven, CT.

-Linda McDonough