



## RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Shaker Heights School District has 3 resources for families with children with special needs/learning differences: the [Parent Mentor Program](#), the [PTO Special Education Parent/Caregiver Group](#) and the [Autism Support Group](#)

[The Parent Mentor Program](#) is a resource available to families who need information, guidance, or support through any phase of the special education process. The program provides assistance to families of children on IEPs **at no cost to the family**. To receive more information about this program or to request support from the Parent Mentor, contact Holly Palda at 295-4372 or by email at [palda\\_h@shaker.org](mailto:palda_h@shaker.org).

The [PTO Special Education/Learning Difference Parent/Caregiver Group](#) is the source for meeting other families of children with special needs and the professionals that serve them. The first meeting of the year will be on Thursday, September 19 at 7:00 PM at the Middle School Library. Topic is everything you need to know about IEPs. For more information about the PTO Special Education Parent/Caregiver Group, contact Chairperson Lydia Beard at [ljb8@case.edu](mailto:ljb8@case.edu)

The district's [Autism Support Group](#) is for families raising children with autism spectrum disorder. All of the participants are families who have wrestled with similar issues, who understand, and who are eager to help one another. Parent facilitator of the Autism Support Group is Beverly Malone who can be reached at [malonetraveler@gmail.com](mailto:malonetraveler@gmail.com). The first meeting of the year will be on Monday, October 7 at 7 PM at the Middle School Library.