

# Serving as a Surrogate Parent

## NEW and IMPROVED Surrogate Parent Training Available

### What is a surrogate parent?

A surrogate parent represents a child in all special education matters when the child's parents are not able to do so.

### What do surrogate parents do?

- Get to know the child;
- Review education records;
- Attend evaluation team and IEP team meetings;
- Make informed decisions about the education of the child.

### Is the role of surrogate parent right for me?

- Are you a good listener?
- Are you a good problem-solver?
- Do you communicate well with others?
- Do you care about students with disabilities?

If you answered yes to these questions, the role of surrogate parent might be a great fit for you!

### Who should take this training?

- All current\* surrogate parents; and
- Anyone who would like to become a surrogate parent.

### How do I become a surrogate parent?

Take the training available at [ohiosurrogateparent.org](https://ohiosurrogateparent.org).

### Where can I get more information?

#### State Support Team 8

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#### Ohio Department of Education

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*\*Deadline for current surrogate parents to complete the training is August 2, 2022.*