

**What is the FEAT Educational Advocacy Support Program (ASP)?** The FEAT Advocate Support Program is designed to provide families an advocate to help with school meetings.

**To qualify for the FEAT IEP Educational Advocacy Program, you must:**

- ❖ Have an official documented ASD diagnosis for each child – provide proof (front page of an old IEP or a one-page diagnosis letter from your child’s physician)
- ❖ Be a member of FEAT of Southern Nevada (A one- time annual donation fee of \$25 greatly appreciated per calendar year)
- ❖ Be available to attend entire IEP meeting  Fill out and submit an application (on back)
- ❖ Review and sign the FEAT ASP General Information Document
- ❖ Will provide advocacy support up to the age of 21

**Services Advocate Provides:**

- ❖ Be present at an individual’s school meetings such as (IEP,504, Behavior Intervention Plan, Resolution/Mediation Meetings or an MDT Meeting)
- ❖ Assist with developing an IEP, 504 or Behavior Intervention plan based on the individual child’s needs.
- ❖ Consult parents to communicate with the school and participate in their child’s needs.
- ❖ Have specialized knowledge in the area of autism spectrum disorders.  Have the appropriate business license.

**How does the FEAT Educational Advocacy Support program work?**

- ❖ All applications are good for one year. You must re-submit forms at the beginning of each calendar year.
- ❖ Once the application is approved, a FEAT representative will contact the family
- ❖ It is the family’s responsibility to coordinate meeting dates with the Advocate
- ❖ Please submit applications at least 7 days prior to scheduled IEP meeting. (FEAT cannot guarantee that Advocate will be available for all scheduled IEPs)
- ❖ Applications must be submitted with all pages at one time (proof of autism, Application & Signed General Information Page)

For help or information please contact FEAT of Southern Nevada at (702) 368-3328 or send an email to [Jennifer@featsonv.org](mailto:Jennifer@featsonv.org) or mail completed application to 7055 Windy Street Suite B Las Vegas NV 89119.

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## FEAT ASP General Information

- ❖ The parent must be a member of FEAT of Southern Nevada. Please sign up as a member on-line at [www.featsonv.org](http://www.featsonv.org) prior to filling out the form. Non-members will not be considered.
- ❖ FEAT will provide funding for 2 IEP's – up to 2 hours per meeting.
- ❖ Please try and schedule at least 2 hours with your child's school for IEP meetings.
- ❖ You must provide proof of autism to be considered for funding (front page of an IEP or a one-page diagnosis letter from your child's physician)
- ❖ The member must be parent or guardian of a child with an official autism spectrum disorder (ASD) diagnosis.
- ❖ Child must be a student in a Clark County School District school, local charter school or service plan.
- ❖ The school must be within the Las Vegas area (including Boulder City and Henderson).
- ❖ Advocates that need to travel over 30 miles (one way) may charge the parent for travel expenses.
- ❖ FEAT will provide payment directly to the advocate for attended covered meetings.
- ❖ Advocate and FEAT representative will determine if additional meetings will be covered under the FEAT ASP.
- ❖ FEAT ASP does not cover any legal fees, transportation or document review prior or after IEP, Parents will be responsible for advocate fees regarding document review.
- ❖ The child's parent or guardian will be required to sign an agreement/invoice with advocate prior to receiving services.
- ❖ Advocate charges a fee for failure to inform of a cancelled IEP. FEAT will not cover this fee. It is the responsibility of the FEAT member. Please cancel by contacting the advocate by 6pm the night before the scheduled IEP meeting. Advocate contact information: Call or text Cheryl Jung cell# 702-203-5316 [jungcheryl@aol.com](mailto:jungcheryl@aol.com)
- ❖ Calling FEAT is not adequate for cancellations – you must cancel with the advocate
- ❖ We respect the integrity of our members and hope that those who do not need the funding will allow those who do need it the opportunity to receive it. FEAT membership is free; all of FEAT's funding come from private donations and grants.
- ❖ Applications must be received prior to the IEP to be considered
- ❖ Once approved a FEAT representative will contact the family. It is the responsibility of the family to coordinate the IEP meeting with the advocate
- ❖ FEAT is not responsible for advocate/parent relationship. FEAT is not responsible for advice given by advocate or the outcome of the IEP meeting or conflicts in scheduling.
- ❖ FEAT and or the advocate reserves the right to refuse this service to any member without reason.
- ❖ FEAT may discontinue this service at any time. Program availability is based on funding and advocate availability
- ❖ Funding is limited and will be provided on a first come first serve basis. Application process does not guarantee services by advocate
- ❖ Parent/guardian **MUST attend** the entire IEP meeting. FEAT will not provide payment for IEP if the parent does not attend, and will deny family of future funding. Parent will be responsible for advocate fees.
- ❖ All applications are kept private.
- ❖ I understand for tracking purposes the advocate will share IEP outcomes with the FEAT board. All FEAT ASP advocates have a current and valid business license.

By signing, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree with the information above.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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