

The F.O.R.C.E.

Families Organized for Recognition and Care Equality

Society for Kids' Mental Health

As families, we've been there.



Support & Advocacy

The F.O.R.C.E. will:

- assist families in advocating for what is in the best interest of their children
- provide emotional support
- attend meetings, when possible, to assist in taking notes and help in being another pair of ears for clarification of information
- attempt to bridge the needs of families with the constraints of the systems serving children and families.
- model and encourage respect between families and professionals
- assist families in learning how to advocate effectively for their children
- work to support and assist families within boundaries that allows the FORCE to support and assist other families.
- provide opportunities for families to meet other families who've been there
- Assistance in establishing support groups for families

The F.O.R.C.E. will not:

- take sides against either professionals or families; instead we will encourage cooperation and conciliation
- partake in efforts which go against medical advice
- will not replace the parent in advocating for their child