

IT'S EASY TO BE AN ADVOCATE FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION!

- Remember advocate means proponent. It means you are interested and want to be involved.
- Keep in communication with the individuals involved in your child's education. This includes your child. Ask your child questions; find out what they like about school, and how they feel about it.
- If you are concerned about your child's academic, social or emotional needs, talk to your child's teacher. They may have insights you do not have.
- When you talk to the teacher, be positive and ask for input. Discerning possible problems, whether a disability or boredom, can take time.
- If your child is struggling, do a little research. If you have a concern regarding your child's development, try not to worry. There are many places to look for information. Speak with your child's doctor. Look up information on reliable websites such as California State PTA, www.capta.org and National PTA, www.pta.org Speak with other parents, their child might be having the same experiences. Browse a book store or library for information. Attend parent education evenings.
- When possible, volunteer, attend school events and meetings. This will give you insight into the workings of your child's classroom and school district.
- Knowledge is the key to success for both your child and you. The more you know the better proponent you'll be!