

Time to update your SPaN Membership and Directory Listing

Membership entitles you to attend programs and events for a reduced fee and to receive SPaN emails or mailings upon request. For an additional fee, you can be listed as an advocate or other professional in our published Professional Directory and on our website (www.SPaNmass.org). Deadline for initial listing is August 1, for 12 months. Directory listings received thereafter will be updated monthly at the same rate. Directory listings and memberships received after February 1, will be prorated to half the fee.

PLEASE PRINT. A complete form is required for payment by check or online. Fill in all information requested.

<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member	2009-2010 Year	Make check payable to SPaN
Membership Only		Membership with Professional Listing	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$50.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Group \$75.00 (3+ Partners \$125.00) <input type="checkbox"/> Agency \$200.00 I have read the SPaN Ethics and Standards of Practice and pledge to adhere to it.		<input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$100.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Group \$150.00 (3+ Partners \$250.00) <input type="checkbox"/> Agency \$250.00 I have read the SPaN Ethics and Standards of Practice and pledge to adhere to it.	
_____/_____ Signature Date		_____/_____ Signature Date A signature is required of all practicing advocates	
Membership Mailing List Information (changes only from last year's information)			
Name (please print)		Professional Directory Information. List only those items you want to appear in your listing.	
		Name (please print)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Address		Business Name	
City		City	
State Zip		State Zip	
Home ph. #		Work ph #	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fax #		Fax #	
<input type="checkbox"/> Email		Email	
To ensure delivery to your inbox (not bulk or junk folders), please add infor@spanmass.org to your email address book.		<input type="checkbox"/> Advocate <input type="checkbox"/> Other Professional * <input type="checkbox"/> With 6+ hrs of continuing education course work * Continuing education courses attended Aug. 1 st - July 31 st of the prior year, will be noted on the website.	
SPaN occasionally makes its membership list available for educational, non-commercial purposes of professional interest. If you do not want your name included on lists for this purpose or our website, check here <input type="checkbox"/> .			
*Write 15 words about yourself or your services for your listing. (use disability specific keywords to assist data search) _____ _____ _____			
Select all regions you would like your listing to appear: <input type="checkbox"/> Boston <input type="checkbox"/> Northeast <input type="checkbox"/> Metrowest <input type="checkbox"/> Central <input type="checkbox"/> Western <input type="checkbox"/> Cape Cod <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast			
* see www.spansmass.org for specific towns included in each region			

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

Discount on all SPaN Workshops:

- \$10.00 saved on pre-registration for monthly workshop
- \$20.00 saved on the all-day workshop

SPaN Professional Directory

- Website receiving approximately 35,000 hits per month!
- Hard copy listing in Professional Directory, with circulation at conferences including Federation for Children with Special Needs and the Asperger's Association of New England
- SPaN brochures in clinics and hospitals throughout the Greater Boston areas marketing SPaN and the SPaN Advocate Professional Directory.
- Professional Directory is on the SPaN website and available to prospective clients.
- SPaN website is linked to other advocacy and networking sites.

Email Notification of upcoming SPaN Workshops

Networking gives you opportunity to:

- Meet other advocates
- Share knowledge & ideas on managing your business
- Build a supportive base of colleagues

SPAN ETHICS AND STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

◆The advocate's primary responsibility is to represent the best interests of the student in the educational process.

◆The advocate will empower, inform, guide and educate parents/guardians and students to strengthen their own advocacy skills.

◆The advocate will continue to upgrade skills and knowledge through attendance at relevant training sessions, courses, and conferences.

◆The advocate will confer with other appropriate professionals as required. The advocate will refer to other appropriate professionals when the client's needs require training, knowledge, or skills outside of the advocate's experience or expertise.

◆The advocate will advise the client to seek legal counsel or

representation as needed and appropriate.

◆The advocate will clearly detail any contractual issues prior to being engaged for services.

◆The advocate will respect the confidentiality of all written records and verbal communications and will obtain written consent for the exchange of information.

◆If the advocate has an ongoing financial or other relationship with any public school system, private school, clinic, private practitioner, or other individual that is or may be perceived as a conflict of interest, the advocate will reveal that potential conflict to the client and determine appropriate representation with the client.

◆The advocate will not discriminate against any client on the basis of gender, race, color, religion, sexual orientation, na-

tional or ethnic origin, or disability.