

## I regained the confidence to advocate for my son!

As a military family relocating to our duty station in Louisiana, we struggled to enroll our child with autism in school. Misled by school officials, we were told our son couldn't start the school year without a diagnosis. Even after his diagnosis, we were led to believe he might be too severe to attend that specific school, leaving me feeling lost with no understanding of what course of action to take for him.

At our lowest point, I contacted Families Helping Families, explained our situation, and was directed to Laura Nata. I went from not having any more fight in me, to having our son in school, with ABA supporters, and access to tons of useful resources. Now, I have an understanding of how to protect my special needs child and look forward to the next school year, his first full year of school. With her guidance, I regained the confidence to advocate for my son. Laura not only provided us with in-depth information about our rights for children with Autism she also helped me regain the confidence to fight for the people I love. Laura is an amazing teacher, advocate, and incredible confidante.

With the support from Families Helping Families and guidance from Laura, our family has made more strides in the past 5 months than we have in the last 5 years. Laura is irreplaceable and an asset to anyone on her team. Thank you, Laura, for restoring my confidence to advocate for my son. We highly recommend Families Helping Families and direct anyone we can to this resource immediately.

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