What are we Advocates or Troublemakers?

Now that statement varies depending entirely upon who you are speaking to at the time.

When you are speaking to families we have helped; we are more than just advocates. We are some one who has been there and gone through it and survived. Someone who can relate to every ounce of energy it takes, just to make it through another day.

Most definitely there are those who think we are troublemakers, the minute we walk into a building. Thinking we are there to find fault in the way they are teaching our children. I mean after all they are the professionals.

If you define troublemakers as a person who advocates for a child who can not speak for its self as a troublemaker. So Be It.

When you find a child that needs to have it's lessons read to them and you do something about it. Then they call you a troublemaker. So Be It.

The really odd part about all of this trouble making business is; they should have already been doing those things in the first place.

My friend. That is Advocacy. Now who is the troublemaker? "It takes no wizard or crystal ball to see the truth"

Lets take a look into this ADVOCACY. To discover who these advocates are; for they must really be someone special. But no; see here, they are just parents like us. There is no costume of tights and a flowing cape. They are just parents. Just like us! But so many people say. OH! No. They are different; they are special, they made a difference for my child.

Yes; they have made a difference for that child and many other children. Yes they are special. They are Parents of Special Needs Children. Just like you and I. Now there is one difference in them; from other parents. It's really simple you know.

They have somehow found the time to get the training and receive the empowerment of knowledge. Now; even more important; they have found the secret of that knowledge. Sharing that knowledge; with those who need

an ADVOCATE.

No one special just a SURVIVOR!

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