

## Student Ambassadors For Education (SAFE)

Student Ambassadors For Education is a new program sponsored by C.H.I.L.D. and is being piloted this year (2015). SAFE is a self-advocacy program that will focus on helping students with learning challenges to do the following:

1. Learn more about their **learning challenge**
2. Learn how to **self-advocate** in school so they can transfer those skills when they go onto college or any post-secondary experience they chose
3. **Network and find support** with other students their age who also have learning challenges
4. **Learn from the Student Ambassadors** how they have been successful in advocating for themselves in middle and high school

How this will work:

- We have 8 Student Ambassadors that have been trained to work with younger students. We have 3 high school seniors, 3 high school juniors, 2 middle school students. Ages 12-18
- The program is limited to a maximum of 24 students in grades 3-12
- Each student will be assigned to a Student Ambassador (3 to1 ratio)
- The Student Ambassador will assist the student to create a PowerPoint presentation that can be shown to their teacher at the beginning of the school year that tells their teacher about who they are, how they learn, their learning challenge, and what they need from the teacher to succeed in school.
- Pre-registration is required in order to match each student to a Student Ambassador Application is **due no later than February 27, 2015**. **Cost per student:** \$20.00 (will cover cost of program)
- There will be 4 Saturday meetings 1-3 p.m.: March, April, May and August 2015: (Location and dates TBD in Verona, NJ)

**March:** Kickoff event will introduce the students to their Ambassador. This is a parent/child event.

**April:** Topic–Learn about your learning challenge

**May:** Topic–Learn about your strengths

\*From May until August, student will work on their PowerPoint presentation on their own but can contact their Ambassador for help.

**August:** Final meeting before school starts. Student and Ambassador will meet to go over the PowerPoint presentation and prep the student for their meeting with their teacher.

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**About C.H.I.L.D.:** C.H.I.L.D. is a not-for-profit parent organization in Verona, NJ founded in 2006 for the purpose of educating and support parents who have children with learning differences.

Application for Student Ambassadors For Education (SAFE)

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Learning Challenge:

Dyslexia

Dysgraphia

Dyscalculia

ADHD

Auditory Processing Disorder

Executive Functioning

Written Expression

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check for \$20.00: Check made payable to C.H.I.L.D. Inc. and due on the first day of the program

Please scan and email to [childverona@gmail.com](mailto:childverona@gmail.com) Subject Line: SAFE program