

HCPSS Family Ambassador Resource (FAR) program:

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Each HCPSS Family Ambassador Below:

- Is a family member of a child with disabilities who is currently enrolled or has graduated from Howard County Public School System (HCPSS).
- Is a graduate of parent leadership and the Family-as-Host (FAH) model trainings that position families as experts in their own lives, with lived experience and expert knowledge and valuable school partners who contribute towards shared goals and successful outcomes.
- Serves as a family-to-family support volunteer who encourages parents to advocate for themselves without the need of a third party unless necessary.
- Is NOT a formal parent advocate in special education.

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