



The New York State Coalition of 853 Schools

Member Agency List

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The Coalition of 853 Schools is an association of non profit agencies which operate 853 schools dedicated to improving the opportunities and outcomes for students enrolled in our schools. The Coalition speaks on behalf of a broad spectrum of special education students enrolled in our 40+ member agency schools - from those with emotional/behavioral issues to those with developmental challenges - by advocating, assisting and representing the schools which support and educate them.

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