



Resource List

Organizations that Assist Parents

Central Directory, CEITAN Early Start

<https://www.ceitan-earllystart.org/central-directory/#content>

The Central Directory of Early Intervention Resources helps parents, family members, service providers, and members of the public find resources for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities or delays and concerns.

Disability Rights California (DRC)

800-776-5746

www.disabilityrightsca.org

DRC works with people with disabilities to protect, advocate for, and advance their human, legal, and service rights.

Family Empowerment Centers (FECs)

<https://www.seedsofpartnership.org/familyEmpowerment.html>

FECs provide training and information to families of children and young adults with disabilities, ages 3 to 22 and assist parents to better understand their child's educational and developmental needs, effectively communicate with service providers, promote alternative dispute resolution and support positive relationships between parents and professionals.

Family Resource Center Network of California

916/993-7781

<http://www.frcnca.org/frcnca-directory/>

Family Resource Centers (FRC) actively work in partnership with local regional centers and education agencies and help many parents, families and children get information about early intervention services and how to navigate the Early Start system.

Parent Training and Information Centers (PTIs)

<https://www.parentcenterhub.org/find-your-center/>

PTIs Work with families of infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities, birth to 26, empowering them to participate effectively in their children's education, communicate with service providers, promote alternative dispute resolution, and support positive relationships between parents and professionals.

Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA)

<http://www.disabilityrightsca.org/about/OCRA.htm#maincontent>

OCRA provides free legal information, advice and representation to regional center consumers.

Wrightslaw Southern California Yellow Pages for Kids with Disabilities

<https://www.yellowpagesforkids.com/>

Wrightslaw provides referrals to professionals and organizations including attorneys and advocates that serve people with disabilities.

California State Agencies That Serve Students with Disabilities and Their Families

California Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

916-654-1690

www.dds.ca.gov

DDS oversees the coordination and delivery of services through a network of 21 regional centers and state-operated facilities to ensure that Californians with developmental disabilities have the opportunity to lead independent, productive lives in their community of choice.

California Department of Education (CDE) - Special Education Division

916-319-0800

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se>

CDE provides information and resources to serve people with disabilities to help them meet or exceed standards of academic and nonacademic skills.

California Department of Education (CDE)

Special Education Division, Complaints Support Unit

800-926-0648

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/fp/>

CDE, Complaints Support Unit provides technical assistance, information and resources regarding procedural safeguards for students between ages 3 and 21 with disabilities and their educational rights.

California Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH), General Jurisdiction

<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OAH/Case-Types/General-Jurisdiction/Services/Page-Content/General-Jurisdiction-Services-List-Folder/How-do-I-Request-a-Hearing#main-content>

OAH contracts with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to provide mediations and due process hearings for various programs.

California Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH), Special Education Division

916-263-0880

<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OAH>

OAH contracts with the California Department of Education (CDE) to handle the special education due process hearing and mediation program for California.

Federal Agencies That Serve Students with Disabilities and Their Families

U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights in California

415-486-5555

<http://www.ed.gov/ocr>

Educationally based Section 504 and Americans with Disabilities Act Title II civil rights complaints can be filed at this office.

Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)

For the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

U.S. Department of Education

202-245-7468

<https://ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/osep/index.html>

OSEP administers the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) which authorizes formula grants to states under Part B, grants to lead agencies for the infants and families program under Part C, and discretionary grants under Part D to institutions of higher education and other non-profit organizations to support grants for state personnel development, technical assistance and dissemination, technology, personnel development, and parent-training and information centers.

Student Privacy Policy Office (SPPO), U.S. Department of Education

800-872-5327

<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/index.html#skipnav2>

The SPPO protects student privacy by providing leadership, oversight, and coordination to ensure Department and field compliance with several Federal privacy laws and regulations, most notably Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Special Education COVID-19 Resources

California Department of Education, Social and Emotional Support in Distance Learning, Guidance and Resources

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/se/seldistance.asp>

California Department of Education, Special Education COVID-19 Guidance

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/specialedcovid19guidance.asp>

Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Q & A documents related to COVID-19

<https://sites.ed.gov/idea/topic-areas/#COVID-19>

OSEP COVID-19 Questions & Answers: Implementation of IDEA Part B Procedural Safeguards

<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/memosdcltrs/ga-procedural-safeguards-idea-part-b-06-30-2020.pdf>

Special Education FAQs, COVID-19, Understood.org

<https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/special-education-coronavirus-faqs>

State and Federal Legislation Impacting Special Education during COVID-19

Senate Bill 98 (SB 98) Education finance: education omnibus budget trailer bill

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB98

Among other mandates, this new California law requires emergency plans for students who have an IEP.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

<https://sites.ed.gov/idea/#content>

IDEA is a federal law that requires public schools to make available to all eligible children with disabilities a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment appropriate to their individual needs.

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