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## WHAT SERVICES DOES SELPA PROVIDE?

- Program Specialist services for placement and IEP development
- Consultation to districts
- Staff development training
- Facilitated IEP meetings
- Resource Parent program
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- Information and referral services
- Funding for specialized equipment for blind, deaf and orthopedically impaired students
- Forms and publications
- Monitoring of Local Plan compliance

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## DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES OR PROCEDURES?

Contra Costa Special Education Local Plan Area can help!

Contra Costa SELPA is a state-mandated organization that oversees education services for students with disabilities in 15 school districts and the county office of education. Our role is to ensure that the specialized educational needs of each disabled student in our districts are appropriately met.

The Contra Costa SELPA

- Allocates funding to districts
- Assures compliance with state and federal laws
- Provides staff development opportunities
- Provides Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Provides information to families
- Provides program assistance to districts

To find out more about our services, check our website at:

<http://www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/selpa/ccselpa.htm>

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT AN IEP TEAM MEETING?

Your child's teacher, special education provider, and a district representative will be there. The chairperson will lead the discussion through the following steps:

- Introductions
- Purpose of the meeting
- Assessment results
- Determination of eligibility
- Progress on Previous goals and objectives
- Present levels of performance
- New goals and objectives
- Services required
- Placement
- Accommodations
- Participation in State Testing Program
- Consideration of special factors
- Set next review date

## WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE IN MY DISTRICT?

Federal and State laws mandate that the school district provide any educational service that your child requires in order to benefit from his special education program. Districts are not required to provide every service at every school, however. To the greatest extent possible, your child will receive required educational services at his neighborhood school. Some children may receive services at other schools, and the district will provide transportation when necessary.

## WHO COULD ANSWER MY QUESTIONS?

Your best source for information on your child's education is always the teacher or special education service provider. For questions about special education services, contact your school principal, program manager or special education director. For questions about Special Education policy or requirements, contact the SELPA Program Specialist assigned to your school district, or the SELPA Coordinator. They can be reached at 925 827-0949 x 10.



Not sure who to talk to? Ask your District Special Education Office for the name and number of a Resource Parent. Resource Parents are trained to assist you with a variety of issues and are always willing to help.

## WHERE CAN I GO FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SPECIAL EDUCATION?

If you don't already have a copy of the Parent Handbook, ask your IEP chairperson for one. It contains many helpful resources. Check the SELPA website for a copy and links to State and Federal sources and interactive databases.



## WHERE CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT TRAINING PROGRAMS?

Check the SELPA website Training Opportunities section for programs and dates. Families are always welcome to attend SELPA sponsored events free of charge. For many other events, scholarships are available.



## HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Most special education programs welcome volunteers. Check with your child's teacher for opportunities at the school. SELPA encourages family participation in our Resource Parent Program, as partners in many of our Staff Development activities and as Panel Members in our alternative dispute resolution program. Community Advisory Committee meetings and our Governance Council Meetings are open for public comment and parent participation. Please contact the SELPA office for more information on these topics.



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