FINDING RESOURCES

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GLOSSARIES & TERMS

The disability community is full of acronyms that people use in writing and in conversation. For information about these acronyms, please click below:

ACRONYMS

- Developmental Disabilities
- Mental Health System
- Programs for Developmental Disabilities
- Special Education

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

- Disability Benefits
- Social Security Benefits

OTHER TERMINOLOGIES

- Disability Terminology Chart

DATA & STATISTICS

- A Snapshot of Disability in the United States (CDC)
- Disability and Functioning for Noninstitutionalized Adults 18 and Above (CDC)
- Americans with Disabilities: 2010 (Census)
- California Developmental Disabilities Employment Data Dashboard

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LOCAL RESOURCE GUIDES

- [Resource Guide for Children with Special Needs](#)
- [Resource Guide for College Students with Disabilities (Solano Community College)](#)
- [Resource Guide for Wellness Recovery (H&SS Behavioral Health)](#)

SPECIAL EDUCATION RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES MANUAL

The following materials provide information on the rights and responsibilities for children with special needs, taken from Disability Rights California. Each link answers several questions about the specific topic. Examples of questions that each topic addresses are included below the link.

Click on each heading to find more information about the topic:

BASIC RIGHTS

- What is the definition of special education?
- How can I get the school district to evaluate or assess my child?

EVALUATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS

- How can I get the school district to evaluate or assess my child?
- How long will it take to complete my child's assessment?

THE IEP (INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM) PROCESS

- What is an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and how do I request one for my child?
- What are the timelines for holding an IEP meeting?

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Who is eligible for special education under federal and state law?
- How do school districts determine that a child has autism?

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RELATED SERVICES

- What are related services?
- When can my child get transportation as a related service?

DUE PROCESS/COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

- What is a due process hearing?
- What is the difference between a compliance complaint and a due process hearing?

LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT

- What does least restrictive environment (LRE) mean?
- Does the school district have to provide aids and services to assist my child's integration?

DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

- For what reasons can a school district suspend or expel my student?
- What is a "manifestation determination" meeting?

INTER-AGENCY SERVICES

- What are interagency related services?
- How can my child get a CCS (California Children's Services) referral, assessment and services?

TRANSITION SERVICES INCLUDING VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

- What are transition services for students in special education?
- What is an individual transition plan (ITP)?

DISTRICT-WIDE ASSESSMENTS/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- What is STAR testing and how will it affect my child?
- What accommodations and modifications are available for STAR testing?

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

- Does California have its own legislation affecting toddlers?

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- Which agencies are responsible for ensuring that services are provided to infants or toddlers?

PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION SERVICES

- What is the purpose of preschool education activities?
- What are the eligibility criteria for children 3-5 years old?

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