



# **Community Meeting Back-To-School**

**August 6, 2025**

# Agenda

- **ACRC Education Support Team**
  - Purpose, Role and Services
- **Education Resources/Services**
  - Warmline Family Resource Center
  - State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)
- **Additional Education Resources**
- **Back-to-School Parent Tips**
- **Questions**



# Education Support Team



## Education Support Manager

- Dept. of Developmental Services (DDS) for all 21 regional centers (in 2022)
- Collaborate with Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPAs), county offices of education and local education agencies (LEAs)
- Develop and provide trainings and information to support service coordinators (SCs) to help assist families with special education
- Collaborate and build partnerships between the regional center and LEAs related to transitions

## Special Education Specialist

- ACRC recognized a growing need for educational support for clients and families
  - Part-time position in 2021
  - Full-time position in 2024
- Consultative in nature
- Assist in supporting clients, families and SCs with education concerns
  - Direct consultation /support to clients, families and SCs through a referral system
- Assist in developing and providing training to SCs

Collaboratively: Weekly education consultation clinics (ECC) for SCs, monthly education workshops for SCs, quarterly education workshops for the community, unit meeting presentations

# ACRC Education Support Services

- **Parent consultation**

- Parent consultation with ACRC Special Education Specialist and assigned SC regarding education-related questions and concerns (e.g. IEP document review, special education procedures, behavior, etc.)
- Parent(s)/guardian(s) can reach out to their child's assigned SC to request a special education referral.

- **SC consultation**

- SC consultation with Education Support Team and SC at our Education Consultation Clinic (ECC)
- SC will staff with the team education-related questions and concerns and receive guidance to share with the parent(s)/guardian(s).

- **Education Support workshops (for SCs)**

- Topics include, but not limited to:
  - Understanding Special Education
  - Client and Family Support in Special Education
  - Frequently Asked Questions in Special Education

- **Community workshops**

- Quarterly workshops on special education-related topics
  - Upcoming workshop on Thursday, 9/25 from 9:00 AM-10:15 AM
  - Topic: Turning Three Years Old
  - Advertised on ACRC website, social media platforms and sent to SCs to share



# Education Resources/Services

## Warmline Family Resource Center

Provide information, education and support to families and children with developmental disabilities.

Warmline offers assistance in the following areas:

- Early Start/Early Intervention
- Special Education
- Community Navigator Program
- Self Referral Form
- Outreach
- Resources

Website: <https://warmlinefrc.org>

Serves the following counties:

Alpine, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Yolo



# Education Resources/Services

## State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)

Statewide Weekly Advocacy Clinics (August & September 2025)

Question and answer sessions—ask questions about special education and learn effective strategies to navigate the system and ensure your child receives the services and supports they need.

Topics will include:

- Special education eligibility
- Strategies for an effective IEP meeting
- Understanding evaluations
- Concept of Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)
- Writing SMART IEP goals
- Inclusion
- Parent reports
- Importance of putting things in writing
- Due process and complaints

Every Monday-10:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Beginning Monday, 8/4 through Monday, 9/29  
No session on Monday, 9/1-Labor Day  
Website: [SCDD Trainings](#) | [SCDD](#)



# Additional Education Resources



[Disability Rights California](#)



[High Quality IEPs](#)



[Parents Helping Parents](#)



[Understood](#)

# Back-to-School Parent/Guardian Tips

**Familiarize yourself with and/or document the following:**

- **Name and contact information of:**

- Classroom teacher(s)
- Case manager
- Service providers (e.g. speech-language pathologist, occupational therapist)
- School administrator(s)
- Program specialist assigned to school

- **Review IEP**

- Specifically goals, accommodations/modifications and services (district's offer of free appropriate public education (FAPE))
  - If you do not have a copy of the Individualized Education Plan (IEP), you can request a copy.
  - Also recommended to request an *IEP at a glance* (information and eligibility, goals, accommodations and services)

- **Attend scheduled Back-to-School night**

- Typically held within the first 2-3 weeks after school begins





# Questions?