What is the SELPA and the CAC?

SELPA stands for “Special Education Local Plan Area.” SELPA is responsible for insuring that all services are provided as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), the federal law for special education. The SELPA is responsible for facilitation and interpretation of all legal requirements. It provides information and resources to families of children with disabilities so they can fully understand their rights. All of the local education agencies (LEAs) and the county office of education in Placer County are members of the Placer County SELPA.

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is one of the stakeholder groups that meets regularly with SELPA staff. Representatives from each LEA are nominated and approved by their respective governing boards to serve on the CAC. Most CAC representatives are parents of special education students, which give them the unique viewpoint, emotions, and similar circumstances that other parents of students with special needs may experience. In addition, representatives of other agencies working to support students with special needs also participate in the CAC. CAC members volunteer their time.
What is the Role of a CAC Representative?

The SELPA is responsible for developing a ‘local plan’ which describes how special education services are provided to all eligible children who need them. One of the roles of the CAC is to advise the SELPA and encourage community awareness and involvement when changes and updates to the local plan are made, or to address the annual priorities of the plan. In addition, CAC members participate in the following responsibilities and activities:

- Participate in regular CAC meetings, reporting and sharing news from respective LEAs
- Meet regularly with their Special Education Administrator for coordination and collaboration
- Support activities on behalf of students with special needs
- Facilitate communication between schools, parents and the community
- Serve as resource person for other parents of students with special needs
- Assist in parent education and in recruiting parents, volunteers and agencies who may contribute to the activities of their respective LEA, the SELPA or the CAC

“Facilitate communication between schools, parents and the community”

Benefits of Being a CAC Member

✓ Building relationships with parents, professionals, decision makers
✓ Make recommendations for annual priorities
✓ Learning new ways to help your child with special needs
✓ Advise SELPA
✓ Increase knowledge of special education
✓ Access to training

Activities

Meetings

Join CAC

Would you like to be contacted by a CAC parent?

- Yes
- No

Check school level and list grade your child(ren) is/are currently enrolled in:

- Infant
- Preschooler
- Elementary
- Grade: _________
- Middle School
- Grade: _________
- High School
- Grade: _________
- Transition to Adult Living (Post-Secondary)

Would you like to receive CAC agendas & minutes?

- Yes
- No

Name __________________________________________________________________________

Address _______________________________________________________________________

City & Zip ______________________________________________________________________

Daytime Phone __________________________________________________________________

Email __________________________________________________________________________

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360 Nevada Street Auburn, CA 95630
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wehlen@placercoe.k12.ca.us
Phone (530) 889-5873

For your local CAC Representative call:
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lgrassmann@placercoe.k12.ca.us

The CAC is established in Section 56190-56194 of the California Education Code
CAC 2015-2016

CAC Officers
Diana Welsh, Chair
Janice Joyner, Co-Vice Chair
Laurie Rawson, Co-Vice Chair
Kim Smith, Secretary

CAC School Districts

* School district does not have a CAC parent assigned. Currently seeking parent volunteers.

Ackerman Charter District

Alta-Dutch Flat School District*

Auburn Union School District
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Colfax Elementary School District
Candi Myers • cmyers1230@yahoo.com

Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District

Eureka Union School District*

Foreshill Union School District
Holly Sear • searholly@gmail.com

Head Start*

Horizon/PaSCL Charter Schools*

Loomis Union School District
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Newcastle Elementary School District
Julie Santos • julie_iveson@yahoo.com

Placer County Office of Education

PCOE - Infant Development Program*

Placer Hills Union School District
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Tahoe-Truckee Unified School District*

Western Placer Unified School District
Shannon Vestesen • twink42250@aol.com
CAC Goals 2015-2016
Support ongoing knowledge/skill development of CAC Representatives, as well as parents within the districts
Build CAC membership (recruitment and retention of members)
Continue to foster communication and collaboration between CAC Representatives, LEAs and parents within individual LEAs

CAC Meeting Schedule 2015-2016
PCOE Main Building | 360 Nevada Street, Auburn
All meetings are 9:30 a.m. –11:30 a.m.
A/B Conference Room

August 19, 2015 • 2015–2016 Planning

September 16, 2015 • General Meeting
Special Training
Tips for Successful IEP Meetings (PlacerCounty SELPA)

October 21, 2015 • General Meeting
Needs and Vision for CAC
(Joint discussion with Special Education Administrators)

November 18, 2015 • General Meeting
Use of One-on-One Supports for Students
Placer County SELPA Program Specialist

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

January 20, 2016 • General Meeting
Update on Smarter Balanced and CA Alternative Assessments
Placer County SELPA Program Specialist

February 24, 2016 • General Meeting
Use of Related Services to Support a Student's Needs and Goals
Burns Conference Room

March 16, 2016 • General Meeting
Planning for Transitions Across All Ages/Grades
Placer County SELPA Program Specialist

April 20, 2016 • General Meeting
Special Training
Developing Social Skills with Your Child (TBD)

May 13, 2016 • General Meeting
SEAC/CAC Annual Luncheon following General Meeting
PCOE Main - Burns Room

NO MEETINGS IN JUNE & JULY

The Placer County Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Handbook (English 2009) can be downloaded here:
http://www.placercoe.k12.ca.us/StudentsandParents/Pages/SELPADocPR1314.aspx?dept=selpa