

## What if I suspect my child has a disability?

If your child is ages birth through two years old, contact the Tri-Counties Regional Center at 3450 Broad Street, Suite 111, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, (805) 543-2833.

If your student is three or older, contact the local school district for information on how to initiate the process.

<i>Almond Acres CA</i>	<i>(805) 467-2095</i>
<i>Atascadero USD</i>	<i>(805) 462-4230</i>
<i>Bellevue- Santa Fe CS</i>	<i>(805) 595-7619</i>
<i>Cayucos Elementary SD</i>	<i>(805) 995-3694</i>
<i>Coast Unified SD</i>	<i>(805) 927-7148</i>
<i>Lucia Mar Unified SD</i>	<i>(805) 474-3000</i>
<i>Paso Robles Joint USD</i>	<i>(805) 769-1000</i>
<i>Pleasant Valley JUESD</i>	<i>(805) 467-3453</i>
<i>San Luis Coastal USD</i>	<i>(805) 549-1218</i>
<i>San Miguel Unified SD</i>	<i>(805) 467-3216</i>
<i>Shandon Joint USD</i>	<i>(805) 238-1782</i>
<i>Templeton Unified SD</i>	<i>(805) 434-5853</i>

## Will any of this cost money?

Absolutely not. All evaluations, assessments, and services are provided free of charge to parents of children with disabilities.

## Other questions?

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## Does Your Child Need Special Education?



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## Child Find

The San Luis Obispo County SELPA and the member school districts carry out a variety of activities to ensure that all individuals with disabilities residing within San Luis Obispo County are identified, located, and evaluated.

### What ages are eligible?

There are two different programs:

- Infant and toddler which serves ages birth through three
- School age which serves three to twenty-two years old

### What is an educational disability?

A disability is a developmental delay or functioning significantly below chronological age in one or more developmental areas.

Eligibility shall not be based on temporary physical disability; cultural or economic factors; the normal process of second language acquisition; or manifestation of dialect or sociolinguistic variance.

For children three to twenty-two years old, there are 13 categories of disabilities, which one or more must be present and adversely affects the educational performance and cannot be resolved by interventions in the general education classroom. These categories are:

- Autism
- Deaf
- Deaf-Blind
- Emotional Disability
- Hearing Impaired
- Language or Speech Disorder
- Intellectual Disability
- Multiple Disabilities
- Severe Orthopedic Impairment
- Specific Learning Disability
- Other Health Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairment

## If my child were identified as having a disability, what would happen?

Nothing, unless you wanted it to. Initially, if screening indicated a need and you agreed to it, a formal assessment would be completed. Still, placement and services would not be provided until you agreed to an Individualized Education Program. At each of these points, parents are able to make a decision about next steps. Changes to a student's program only occur with parent/guardian written consent.

## What if my child is in private school?

Your child is eligible for screening, and if necessary, assessment to determine if an educational disability exists. Students found eligible, under one of the 13 categories of disabilities, will receive an Individualized Education Program for services in the public school. If parent/guardian chooses a private school education, the team will offer to develop a Service Plan.



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