



Parent Partnerships

A Newsletter for Parents with Children who have Moderate to Severe Disabilities

May 2018

California Department of Education News



Enrollment of Students with Disabilities in Charter Schools (Posted 02-Feb-2018)
An updated overview of legal requirements applicable to students with individualized education programs who are enrolled in charter schools.

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/ac/>

5 Ways to Protect Your Child with Special Need's Privacy Online

1. Do not share your child's health records and medical history online
2. Do not post photos and videos of your child in vulnerable moments.
3. Beware of Over-Sharing in Closed Support Groups
4. Assume Any Photo You Upload Will be Stolen
5. Parenting Fails Shared Online can Lead to CPS investigations

<https://goo.gl/eUHFyj>



In a galaxy far, far away... Kids Like Me takes on a fun-filled Star Wars-themed afternoon. We'll be holding two separate events — club i.a. KIDS (ages 5–12) and club i.a. TEENS (ages 13–18) — which will feature Star Wars-themed activities, games, dancing, food, prizes, and more! Join us and have fun with peers while making new friends.

SESSION 1 club i.a. KIDS (ages 5–12)
SESSION 2 club i.a. TEENS (ages 13–18)
COST \$30
LOCATION The Help Group Autism Center
 13164 Burbank Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA 91401
TIMES will be given after RSVP
RSVP to Zeyda with paid registration by May 15
zmartinez@thehelpgroup.org | 818.778.7140
www.kidslikemela.org

club i.a. KIDS and club i.a. TEENS offer weekend events for ages 5–12 and ages 13–18 with autism or other special needs to meet, socialize and develop new friendships.

<http://www.kidslikemela.org/club-la-kids-teens/>



"Programs must meet the needs of the parents they serve rather than demand that the parents meet the needs of the program... A match between parent needs and involvement opportunities increases the possibility that the parent will become actively involved in the program."

Elizabeth Landerholm and Jo Ann Karr,
"Designing Parent Involvement Program
Activities to Deal with Parents' Needs"

EDUCATIONAL
EQUITY FOR ALL
... Giving kids what they need to succeed

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Feature Idea of Month

World's 1st fully accessible water park opens in Texas



<https://goo.gl/TJeFXM>

MENTAL HEALTH
ADVOCACY
SERVICES

FRIENDS
IN
DEED*

Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc. and Friends In Deed
announce a

MONTHLY FREE LEGAL CLINIC

Do you have questions about:

- A child's problems in school
- Special education
- Landlord/tenant or other housing problems
- Medi-Cal, SSI or SSDI benefits
- Other public benefits
- Conservatorship, mental health law or family member with mental health disabilities
- Warrants

...or another legal problem?

At this clinic, volunteers and attorneys at Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc. will provide consultation and information. Bring any documents relating to your question.

SECOND TUESDAY MORNING OF EACH MONTH

Next Clinic: **Tuesday, May 8th**

10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church of Pasadena, Great Hall
500 E. Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena 91101

Walk in or

CALL TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TODAY!

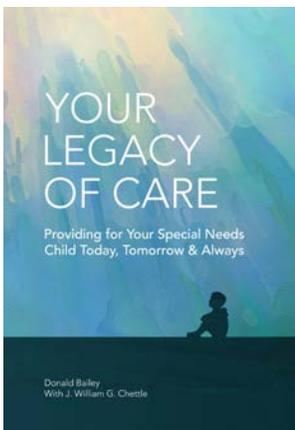
(213) 389-2077 extension 12 – Ask for Pam

Priority will be given to people with appointments, but drop-ins are welcome!

Individuals, families, and local case managers or clinicians are welcome!

For more information, call the Church Office at (626) 796-0157.

<http://mhas-la.org/may-8-2018-free-legal-clinic/>



Your Legacy of Care:
Providing for Your Special
Needs Child Today,
Tomorrow & Always
Hardcover – September
15, 2017

by Donald Bailey, J.
William G. Chettle

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<http://questcampsofsocal.com/>

<http://snnla.org/programs/education/joe-patton-academy-camp-camp-jpac/>

<http://www.kidslikemela.org/camps/>



At Camp
Paivika, *children, teens
and adults with
disabilities* get the same,
great camp experience
as their peers

– and their families feel confident their loved ones
will be well cared for.

Children, teens and adults with mild to severe physical and developmental disabilities come to Camp Paivika in the summer for horseback riding, swimming, adaptive sports, campfires and cookouts, arts and crafts, performing arts and other enjoyable, enriched activities. With a sense of freedom inspired by time spent outdoors in natural surroundings, campers learn and develop new interests and confidence through guided play, social skills building and exploration.

Camp Paivika's Summer Program, consisting of multiple, weeklong sessions from June through August, is packed with morning-to-evening fun. Campers are grouped with peers and assigned to specific schedules. Each day brings new opportunities to play, share interests, make new friends and meet challenges.

<http://www.camppaivika.org/programs-summer.htm>



8 Benefits of Sending Your Child with Special Needs to Overnight Camp

There are specialized camps for children with special needs like autism, ADHD, abuse, cancer, hemophilia, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy and other serious illnesses. Whether you choose a local camp or an overnight camp is a family decision, but an overnight camp may be something worth suggesting even for a child who may not consider it as an option for themselves.

Outstanding Benefits Of Going To Camp

1. Like-Minded Friends
2. New Skills
3. Sense of Self
4. Lasting Friendships
5. Getting Unplugged
6. Gaining Independence
7. Problem Solving
8. Take a Break

<https://goo.gl/oC6Trs>