



Parent Partnerships

A Newsletter for Parents with Children who have Moderate to Severe Disabilities
Educational Equity For All

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California Department of Education News



Access to Inclusive Early Learning and Care Programs for Students with Disabilities

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/lr/om031819.asp>

Pros and Cons of Your Child Being Classified as a Special Education Student

PROS	CONS
Students get individualized attention.	Special education students are sometimes separated from the rest of the class, which can be isolating.
Students receive a specialized approach to their education.	There's a potential for students to experience stigma.
Students receive access to resources they otherwise wouldn't have.	Integration of special education students and general education students may not work for all needs.
Class sizes are usually smaller (depending on the child's needs).	Instructional aides may limit a student's ability to work independently.
Students have access to highly qualified specialists and services.	There's potential for students to struggle more socially.

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Autism tools and support for parents, therapists and teachers
The Parent Edition pulls together everything you need, from centralised communications, appointments and real-time progress updates, to evidence-based resources, flashcards and teaching strategies for parents. Rockmelon is here to help you achieve the best outcome for your child.

By parents, for parents

All the tools, resources and information parents need to support a child with a developmental delay. No matter what your goals are, whether it be managing day-to-day challenges or getting your child school-ready, the Parent Edition is designed especially for you!

<https://rockmelon.com/>

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**SENSORY FRIENDLY SATURDAY
FEATURING A PERFORMANCE BY LATIN GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING ARTISTS, THE LUCKY BAND!**

The GRAMMY Museum, The Autism Society, and Your Ears Rock present Sensory Friendly Saturday. The Museum is committed to increasing access to our interactive, educational space by providing a sensory-friendly environment designed for patrons of all ages and abilities and their families.

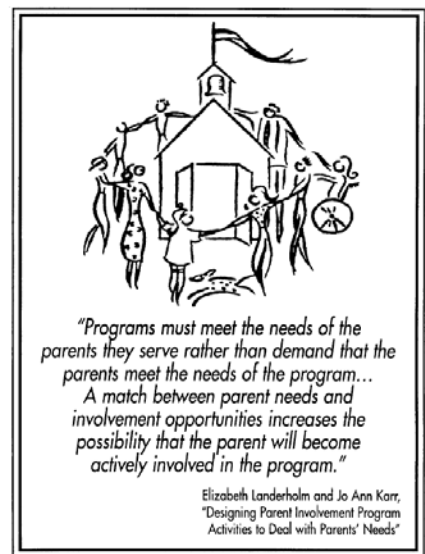
Program includes less crowding, quieter sound levels, lower lighting, free admission to the GRAMMY Museum, and more! All ages and siblings welcome.

Guests are invited to enjoy the Museum's exhibits however they please!

Date(s) - 04/06/2019 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Location: The Grammy Museum, 800 W. Olympic Blvd., L.A., CA,

<https://bit.ly/2uBQOaQ>



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Feature Idea of Month



Find Family Friendly Events all month to celebrate Autism Awareness Month.

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Children with Special Needs Loans
Committed to helping families of all faiths care for a child with special needs

Jewish Free Loan Association is committed to helping families of all faiths through interest-free loans for expenses related to caring for a child with special needs, autism, and developmental disabilities.

Jewish Free Loan provides interest-free loans up to \$15,000 for

- Diagnostic expenses
- Behavioral supports
- Shadows or inclusion specialists
- Educational reimbursement waiting periods
- Durable medical equipment needs
- Home improvement expenses
- Funding to purchase specialized vehicles

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**Loud and Clear:
A Special Needs
Conversation**

<https://www.specialneedsalliance.org/blog/>

Free Special Needs Resource Fair to Take Place in Los Angeles on Sunday, April 7, 2019 <https://on.mktw.net/2uH3eym>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<http://insource.org/training/classes/class-descriptions/>
<https://bit.ly/2uCQzMG>
<https://bit.ly/2uEYJEh>
<https://bit.ly/2uDzUbr>



We're so excited to be opening the first We Rock the Spectrum in the Long Beach area. We know that our Long Beach community is very much in need of an amazing place like this, where kids of all abilities can play and grow together! We look forward to serving you for many years to come

Our Gym Includes:

- Suspended equipment with swings – for balance and vestibular treatment
- Crash mats and crash pillows – for fun, motor planning, and strength
- Zip line – for stress release and joint and body relaxation
- Trampoline – for building leg and core strength
- Indoor play structure – for climbing and increasing playground skills
- Sensory-based toys – for improved auditory processing and fine motor skills
- Fine Motor and Arts and Crafts Area – for improved hand-eye coordination



<https://www.werockthespectrumlongbeach.com/why-we-rock/>