



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



Surrogate Parents in California Special Education: An Overview
An overview of federal and state statutes and regulations for use as a reference to assist local educational agencies in

developing and implementing procedures for parental representation as required by Government Code Section 7579.5(m). <http://tinyw.in/4low>



Special-Needs Summer Camps In California

<http://www.campnavigator.com/summer-camps/special-needs/california-summer-camps.html>

Kids with special needs may benefit from attending traditional summer camps and those catering to all abilities

There are many programs promoting inclusivity for special needs kids in Orange County. And as we head into summer, that includes camps. While there are quality summer camps catering specifically to special needs, many traditional summer camps offer the benefits of inclusivity.

“Research in the fields of education and disability support services strongly suggests that inclusive learning and mainstreaming between students with disabilities and without provides a unique learning experience that benefits both types of students,” Tirona says.

Other resources for special needs camps in California:

https://www.northerncaliforniakidsguide.com/Summer_Camps.php#specialneeds

https://www.centralcoastkidsguide.com/Summer_Camps.php#specialneeds

CAREGIVER TIPS AND STRATEGIES 10 Ways to Improve Your Child's Behavior

By Terri Mauro April 07, 2019

1. Think Like a Detective
2. Use a Behavior Chart
3. Choose Your Battles
4. Count to 10
5. Keep a Big "Bag of Tricks"
6. Set Realistic Goals
7. Keep Track of Transitions
8. Say What You Mean
9. Scout Time-Out Spots
10. Keep Looking for a Better Way

<http://tinyw.in/zNmj>



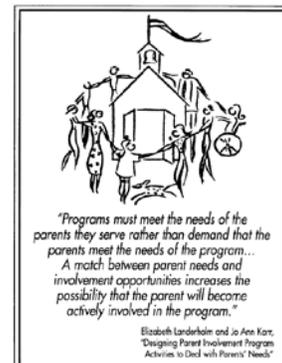
**National
Autistic
Society**

**Environment and
surroundings**

<http://tinyw.in/vqeh>

Here we have guidance on changes that can be made to help autistic people feel more comfortable in their surroundings. This may be a change to the physical environment so that you can create an autism friendly space, by providing structure and routine or both.

This information can be used to help autistic people in their home, education setting, residential or supported living service or when they are accessing the local community.



Feature Idea of Month

29 GENIUS WAYS YOU CAN USE A VISUAL TIMER TO DRAMATICALLY IMPROVE YOUR TODDLER'S BEHAVIOR and older kids too

Did you know that one of the most common triggers for problem behavior is transitioning between activities, places, and objects of attention?



This is NOT the same as setting a timer on your phone or alarm clock. A visual timer uses a colored disk to show your child how much time remains until a particular transition. This is the feature that makes it so effective. <http://tinyw.in/9pkq>

5 Ways to Support Siblings of Children with Special Needs by Katie Mertes

Here is what the research says about ways to support the siblings of children with special needs:

- Acknowledge the pressure to be perfect
- Keep an eye out for inappropriate responsibilities
- Exposure to other siblings of children with special needs
- Talk about the future
- Spend extra quality time

<http://tinyw.in/xMpR>

Part-Time Money

Creating an Action Plan for the Future of Children with Special Needs

Unfortunately, some people with disabilities cannot live independently or make their own decisions. Parents of individuals falling into this category need to protect them when they reach the legal age of adulthood which is eighteen. They also need to provide protection for the time when they can no longer care for their child's needs. They must see to it that their child's financial and custodial needs are always provided for.

Most Parents Aren't Prepared

<https://ptmoney.com/special-needs-planning-trust-letter-of-intent/>



This is a blog of a family sharing travel tips who has a son with physical disability. They share all the tips and other fun activities and provides encouragement to parents that anyone can travel no matter what. <https://havewheelchairwilltravel.net/>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<http://bloom-parentingkidswithdisabilities.blogspot.com/>
<https://specialneedsjungle.com/>
<http://tinyw.in/3qSp>



Parenting Special Needs' Podcast provides practical tips, shares life's lessons, tackles the challenges and celebrates the joys of one of life's greatest gift.

Get empowered, educated and inspired with host and Parenting Special Needs Magazine Publisher/Creator, Chantai Snellgrove as she keeps us informed on the latest trends in the special needs community. She will discuss books, ideas and news you want to hear, as well as interview special guests like parents, authors, industry experts, doctors, trendsetters, and all-around successful people that understand what we are all going through, as well as different ways to navigate the, often times, confusing questions, frustration and diagnoses. As a special needs parent, Chantai knows that "Together, we learn from others who have been on this path before us."

<https://www.parentingspecialneeds.org/advice/podcast/>
<https://player.fm/podcasts/Special-Needs>



There is so much useful information here to help support parents, teachers, law enforcement providers, and people with autism. There are articles on ABA, social issues, the IEP process, transition issues and even some that are there just for inspiration. Be sure to check out the articles pertaining to safety and information related to our Autism Shield Project. There are several useful items to help you prepare for an emergency. If you have a child or adult who wanders, be sure to download the information on Project Lifesaver. If there is something that you need that is not there, contact us at info@poac.net and we will try our best to find it.

Helpful Forms <http://tinyw.in/9lGa>

Many of the forms you receive information about in POAC workshops can be found right here. For example, the All About Me Transportation Form which helps parents share vital information about their children with the school bus personnel who interact with students daily, but who do not have access to IEPs, diagnosis, behavior plans, and other invaluable information.