



RECOMMENDED RESOURCES & WEBSITES

South Pasadena Council PTA Special Needs Committee - Please visit our website at www.spp4snc.com for upcoming meetings and more information, or contact Lourdes Nonato at lbnonato@gmail.com.

South Pasadena Special Needs Support Group - Please contact Kim Lesak at kimlesak@aol.com for more information and to be added to the mailing list. Upcoming dates: Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 PM, 2/12/15, 3/12/15, 4/9/15, 5/4/14, 6/11/15.

Coffee/Tea with the Executive Director of Student Support Services, Dr. Dennis Lefevre, SPUSD. Upcoming meetings: 2/13/15, 8:30 AM; 4/27/15, 6 PM; 6/8/15, 8:30 AM. District Office, 1020 El Centro St., Rm 5. For more information, please visit: www.spusd.net/student_support_services.

Monterey Hills Elementary School website - monterey.spusd.net

Disability Rights California—an agency that advocates on behalf of disabled Californians, with an excellent library of free guides—most available in numerous languages, including Spanish and Chinese—to the law of special education, including:

Special Education Rights and Responsibilities (SERR) manual—a comprehensive guide, in plain language, to parent and student rights and responsibilities under the law in Special Education in California. Includes an appendix with sample letters for requesting assessments, re-assessments, IEP meetings, etc. www.disabilityrightsca.org/pubs/PublicationsSERREnglish.htm

18 tips for getting quality special education services for your child:
www.disabilityrightsca.org/pubs/513001.pdf

How to obtain an Independent Educational Evaluation at public expense:
www.disabilityrightsca.org/pubs/547601.pdf

Center for Parent Information and Resources—an agency funded by the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)—has free online information about many aspects of special education, including IDEA law. www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/idea/

Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates—a nonprofit network of attorneys, advocates, and other professionals serving parents of students with special needs. Has a “find an attorney / advocate” search. www.copaa.org

TASK: Team of Advocates for Special Kids—Offers free workshops and advice with a local office in Alhambra, next to the Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center (ELARC) offices. www.taskca.org

California Department of Education, Special Education website. www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/

Wrightslaw—A national site run by a special needs lawyer and psychotherapist on all aspects of special education law (legal information is not specific to California). Two Wrightslaw books are especially helpful to those just starting their journey:

Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy - The Special Education Survival Guide, 2nd Edition by Pam Wright and Pete Wright, which has an associated website: www.fetaweb.com

Wrightslaw: All About IEPs by Pete Wright, Pam Wright, and Sue O'Connor

Nolo Press—specializes in legal guides for non-lawyers in plain language. Lawrence Siegel: *Nolo's IEP Guide: Learning Disabilities and The Complete IEP Guide: How to Advocate for Your Special Ed Child.* www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/special-education