

The Role of the Contra Costa SELPA & the CAC

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- ❖ The mission of the Contra Costa SELPA is collaborative planning for student success through participation of families, Local Education Agencies (LEA's), and other organizations.
- ❖ In total, we have 16 LEA's that we support
 - 15 school districts and
 - Contra Costa Office of Education
- ❖ We have 7 employees that work out of the office
 - Executive Director and a Coordinator
 - Budget Manager and Tech/Office Manager
 - 3 Program Specialists



What the SELPA Does

- ❖ Parent Support
- ❖ Parent Enrichment
- ❖ Support to LEA's
- ❖ Alternative Dispute Resolution
- ❖ Professional development opportunities
- ❖ Communicate out information
- ❖ Distribution of grants to the LEA's from the state and the federal government



Why We Do What We Do

- ❖ Every SELPA is different
- ❖ We are a SELPA that generally provides training, consult, and support to parents and LEA's
- ❖ We should work as an independent entity from districts and county offices, so that parents and students with special needs can best be supported

Build Community Partnerships

- ❖ Parent Care Network
- ❖ State and Federal agencies
 - Regional Center
 - Department of Rehabilitation
- ❖ Neighboring SELPA's



Goals for this Year

- ❖ Update and produce more publications for parents and staff
- ❖ Update/revise the SELPA website
- ❖ Update our policies and procedures
- ❖ Consider putting together a CAC awards/recognition ceremony
- ❖ Advocate for the state to focus on the decrease of special education teachers and specialists, that is going to greatly increase over the next few years

CAC-Community Advisory Committee

- The CAC is a group established by the state to give parents a voice in special education implementation
- The CAC provides support for parents as they address all issues related to their students with disabilities



Role of the CAC

- ❖ To meet multiple times a year
- ❖ To provide trainings to parents, based on parent needs
- ❖ Provide support and direction to parents, as needed
- ❖ To advise the SELPA Director on:
 - What they feel is going well and what concerns, if any, they have within their districts
 - Policies they have feedback on
 - Development and review of the Local Plan
- ❖ To advise the Governance Board on:
 - Development and the review of the Local Plan

Questions/Comments

