

## Community Advisory Committee

The Community Advisory Committee, is composed of parents of students within the districts, special education and general education classroom teachers, other school district personnel, and persons concerned with services for individuals with exceptional needs. A majority of parents on this committee have children in special education.

Person interested in becoming a member or who would like more information should contact the SELPA office or their school district.

### CAC's Purpose

The CAC provides school districts with input on the development and implementation of the Local Plan for Special Education. It also serves as a forum for addressing the needs of all students with disabilities. It encourages meaningful communication among school administrators, the Boards of Education, parents, and communities.



### More about CAC

CAC is a committee of the Contra Costa SELPA. It serves to advocate for the needs of students receiving special education services throughout Contra Costa County.

Parents, students, or service providers who have individual questions about special education should address those questions directly to their local school district. Each district in Contra Costa has a process for reviewing and discussing individual issues.

CAC focuses on SELPA-wide issues. School district contract information is provided for any parent raising individual concerns. For special education contacts for each local district, please call the SELPA number listed below.



### Contra Costa SELPA

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## Contra Costa Special Education Local Plan Area

## COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)



# Questions and Answers about the CAC – Community Advisory Committee

## What can the CAC do for me?

- ◆ Provide parent training information
- ◆ Network with other concerned parents
- ◆ Access to Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) staff and resources
- ◆ Support educational activities
- ◆ Child-centered information

## How can I become part of the CAC meetings?

- ◆ Attend quarterly meetings
- ◆ Volunteer for committee work
- ◆ Share information and talents
- ◆ Submit nomination form for professional, parent, student and program recognition



## Can the CAC benefit my child?

*The more you know, the more empowered and the more effective participant in your child's IEP you become.*

## Who can attend?

*Everybody! All meetings are open to the public.*

## Do my ideas count?

*Yes. The CAC is member-driven. Members are encouraged to help build the focus of the group by collaborative, on-going work.*

## When does the CAC meet?

*Usually over lunchtime four times a year. Check the SELPA website for the calendar or contact the SELPA office.*



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## CAC Responsibilities

*The CAC advises the Contra Costa SELPA's SELPA Director and the SELPA Governance Council, on the planning and operation of special education. Such responsibilities include:*

1. Reviewing the Special Education Local Plan: and providing ongoing input on special education services, accountability, and outcomes;
2. Recommending annual priorities to be addressed by the Plan;
3. Advocating, supporting, and assisting in parent education;
4. Assisting in recruiting parents and other volunteers who may contribute to the implementation of the plan;
5. Encouraging community involvement in the development and review of the Local Plan;
6. Providing active support of students with disabilities;
7. Providing reviews and input in the development of SELPA policies, procedures, handbooks and forms.