



CAC Presentation

***Independent Charter Schools
and LAUSD SELPA***

Agenda

- Local Plan review
- What is a charter school?
- National and local landscape
- Independent charters and LAUSD
- Spotlight on CHIME

LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

Local Plan Points

- Charter schools are mandated by state and federal law to adhere to all the provisions of IDEA.
- Charters must adhere to all terms and conditions of the MCD.
- Charters must ensure that no student otherwise eligible to enroll in their charter school will be denied enrollment due to a disability or to a charter school's inability to provide necessary services.

Local Plan Points

- Outlines the build-out of two school sections under one SELPA.
- Prior to becoming authorized, the charter school must sign an MOU with LAUSD SELPA or show they are a member of another SELPA. If they sign with another SELPA, must provide that SELPA's LP to ensure a commitment that all District-authorized charter schools have a SELPA that maintains oversight, monitoring and implementing the MCD requirements.

WHAT IS A CHARTER SCHOOL?



A Charter School is...

- A public school
- Founded by teachers, parents, activists, universities, not-for-profits, etc.
- Accountable to the chartering/sponsoring entity
- Governed by a board of directors
- Generally autonomous from the district

Charter Schools Vary Widely

- Some are part of large national charter systems; others are locally-designed and operated
- Some are non-profit; others for-profit
- Teaching methods, curricula, philosophy vary
- Some are popular and have waiting lists; others have been closed

A Charter School is...

Charter schools are public schools operating under a “charter,” essentially a contract entered into between the school and its authorizing agency.

NATIONAL AND LOCAL LANDSCAPE

Minnesota - 1991

- **Freedom from the traditional district framework:** challenging the notion that public education should not be the exclusive domain of a government-sponsored monopoly
- **School choice:** expand public school choices for students, parents and teachers and to broaden the state's definition of "public education."

Today's Charter Landscape

- 7,000+ charter schools in 40+ states + DC
- Serving more than 3+ million students
- NOLA is 100% charter
- DC is over 50% charter

CA Charter Law

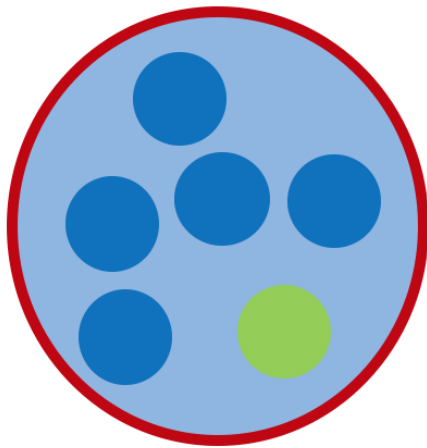
- **Different and innovative teaching methods**
- **Provide parents/students with choices**
- Improve student learning
- Increased learning opportunities
- New professional opportunities for teachers
- Hold schools accountable for performance-based measures
- Provide vigorous competition within the school system

INDEPENDENT CHARTERS AND LAUSD

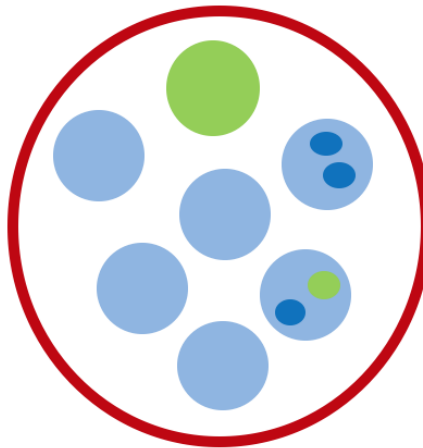
SELPA: Special Education Local Plan Area

- School districts and county offices within geographic areas (120+)
- Join together to provide a full range of services to students
- Develops a local plan to describe how it will provide special education services

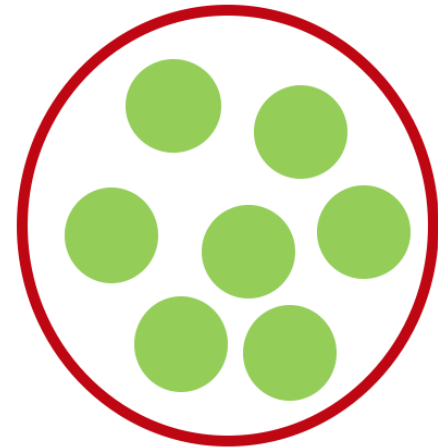
Three Types of SELPAs



Single District SELPA



Multi-District SELPA



Charter SELPA

LA Charters

- There are 250+ charter schools:
 - Affiliated/Independent
- Serves more than 150,000 students in kindergarten through 12th grade.
- Charter School Division Office authorizes and oversees these schools.

	Total	% Latino of Any Race	% Am. Indian or Alaska Native	% Asian	% Pacific Island.	% Filipino	% African American	% White	% EL	% Free/Reduced Lunch	% SpEd	% High Incidence	% Low Incidence
District (incl Aff. Charters)	521,890	73.8%	0.2%	3.9%	0.3%	2.0%	8.1%	10.2%	25.4%	80.8%	12.3%	8.8%	3.9%
Ind. Charters	111,731	74.8%	0.3%	2.5%	0.1%	1.4%	9.4%	9.3%	22.3%	80.5%	10.6%	9.1%	1.7%

*Data Source: LAUSD Office of Data and Accountability

Independent Charter Schools

- LD XR:
 - ~13,500 students with disabilities
 - ~115,000 students total
- C – 59
- E – 37
- S – 26
- NW – 19
- NE – 28
- W – 48

CHARTER
OPERATED
PROGRAMS

LAUSD | SELPA

LAUSD SELPA

- Beginning of 2018-19:
 - 218 independent charter schools within LAUSD SELPA
 - 217 currently
 - 8 schools left LAUSD SELPA (SELPA Choice)
 - 8 schools non-renewal/closed

LAUSD SELPA

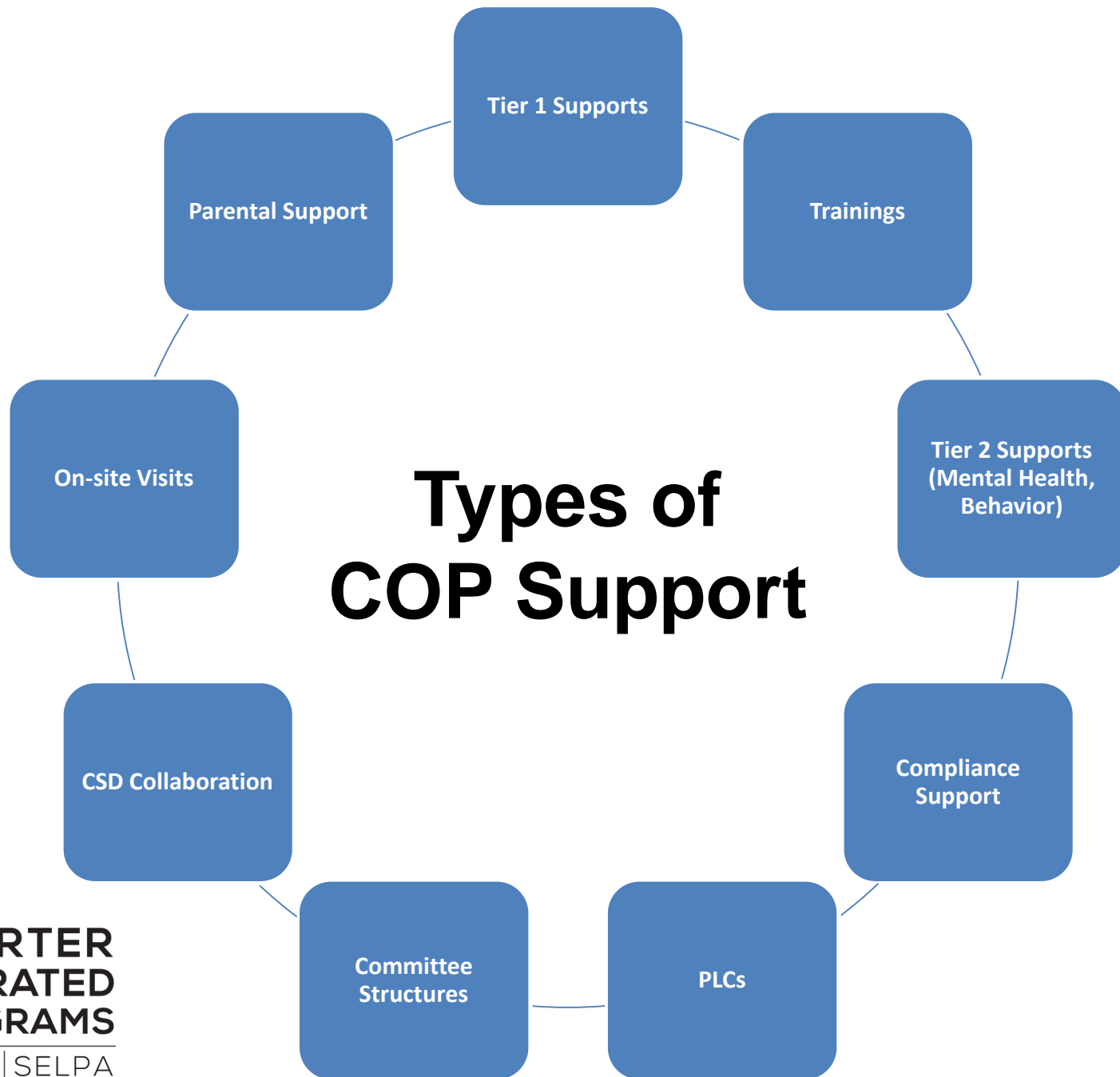
Charter Support Mission

The mission of the Charter Operated Programs (COP) is to **empower** a community of charter schools **to work** together to **build** innovative, high-quality educational programs and services for students with unique needs.

Benefits

- Various SELPA Options
- School Supports
- Professional Development
- Staffing
- Alternative Settings

Types of COP Support



Does the work of the LAUSD SELPA team?

- Increase school capacity?
- Allow school site teams to spend more time impacting student outcomes?
- Improve customer (school) service?
- Provide support in a proactive manner?
- Differentiate the LAUSD SELPA from a “typical” SELPA?



Monitoring/Compliance

- District Required Language
 - Federal Law
 - Enrollment
 - SELPA Choice
 - MCD
 - Student Records/FERPA
 - Non-discrimination
 - Discipline and students with disabilities

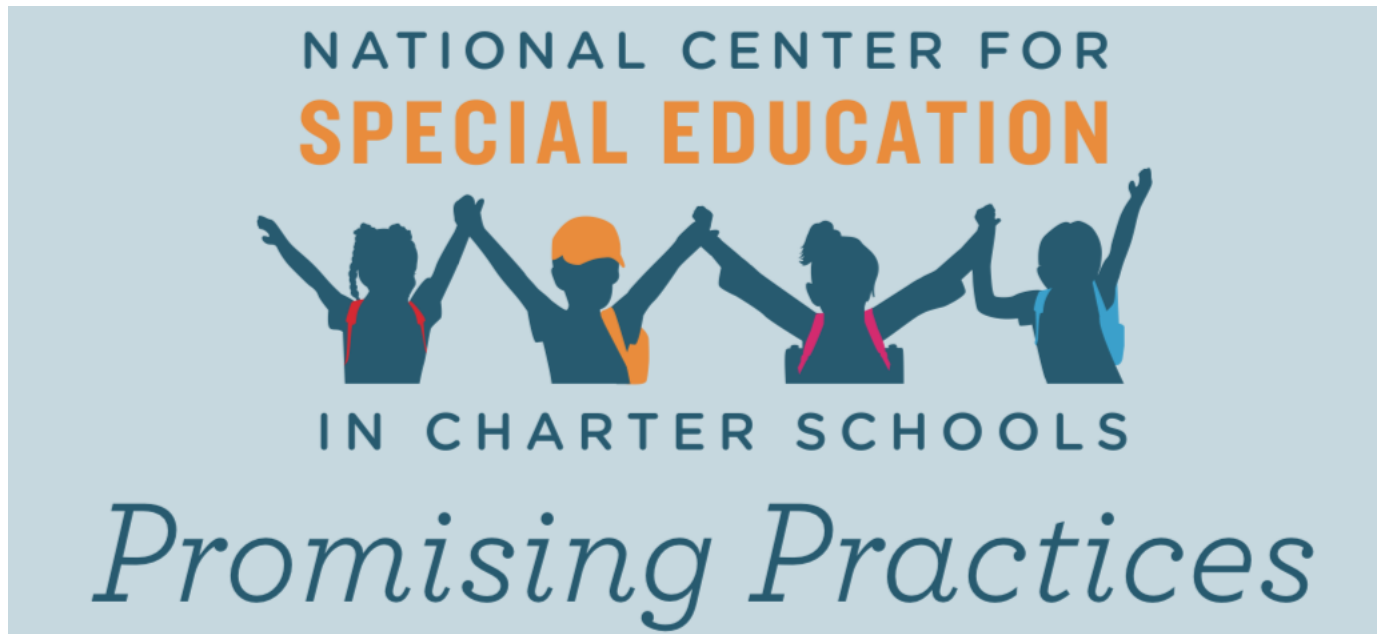
Monitoring/Compliance

- District Validation Review (DVR)
 - Conducted on a four year cycle
 - Self-Review Checklist – completed annually
- Charter Schools Division Oversight
 - Special education included
 - Visits conducted on a yearly basis
 - CSD uses questions/rubrics as evaluation tools to determine whether or not a program meets required criteria.

Memorandum of Understanding

Prior to LAUSD Governing Board approval, the Charter School will execute a MOU by and between the LAUSD and Charter School regarding the provision and funding of special education services consistent with the LAUSD Special Education Local Plan Area for Special Education.

CHIME Charter School



Reading

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QUESTIONS?