

Division of Special Education Report Update Community Advisory Committee

IEP Team Meetings Updates

From 7/1/2022 – 11/30/22 LAUSD has conducted approximately 58,308 Team Meetings.

Family Academy Equity Course Pathways.

In alignment with LAUSD's Strategic Plan, the Division of Special Education, is proud to have collaborated with several Divisions, to create the new [Family Academy Equity Course Pathways](#). These are 4-cohort classes, but one focuses specifically on Families with Exceptional learners. These classes will help families increase their understanding on Parent Rights, The Individualized Education Program (IEP), and important information about Transition Services for students and families.

Division of Special Education IEP Clinics

Since the beginning of the school year, the Division has provided training for staff, in the Fall of 2022, on topics varying from IEP Timelines and Ensuring the Offer of FAPE to Parent Participation at IEP Team Meetings and Prior Written Notice expectations. In the spring 2023, the learning focus will be Transition and Individual Transition Plans, information regarding appropriate placement, Child Find / Search and Serve and Private Schools. On-going training on Behaviour Interventions and Supports, applied analysis, function-based interventions, data collection and supporting the implementation of Behaviour Intervention plans for paraprofessionals (open to all staff) is also available.

Parent Counselling and Training (PCT)

Parent Counseling and Training provides parents information on child development, enhances understanding of their child's learning and social emotional needs and skills to support implementation of the IEP at home. Topics may be from parenting strategies, social emotional well-being, supporting your child with guidance and positive discipline and building relationships between home and school. For more information, visit the [Parent Counseling and Training \(PCT\) Spring 2023 Letter and Schedule website](#).

2023 Youth Leadership Forum Application Period

The 2023 Delegate Application deadline for high school students in grades 10th – 12th has been extended. The California Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities through the California Department of Rehabilitation holds an annual week-long leadership program called the Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities (YLF). The forum is tentatively scheduled for July 13–19, 2023. Please visit the YLF website for more information, including the application: <https://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/YLF> or email YLF@dor.ca.gov

Division of Special Education Parent Training Pilot Program

Beginning in the spring 2023, the Division is working with schools to develop parent workshops that can be presented by school staff to our families of students with exceptional needs. The purpose is to obtain parent feedback and input and create content that is meaningful and informative to our communities.

MARCH

Parent’s Guide to Understanding Related Services

Monday 03/06/23, 9:00 -10:00 a.m.
Wednesday 03/08/23, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Overview:

- Information on various programs and service models within the special education guidelines

APRIL

Effective Collaboration and Communication Between Families and Schools

Monday 04/10/23, 9:00 -10:00 a.m.
Wednesday 04/12/23, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Overview:

- Tips for establishing positive and productive dialogues with schools and families

Webinar ID #: 842 5318 9472

Webinar Link: <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/84253189472>



All families and community members are welcome! Registration is required. Translation in the following languages will be available: Spanish, ASL, Armenian, Cantonese, Korean.

For more information visit the Division of Special Education Webpage <https://achieve.lausd.net/sped>



Adult Transition Programs PARENT TRAINING SERIES

LAUSD Adult Transition Programs is offering a series of trainings for parents and families of students in grades TK-12 that are using an alternate curriculum as identified by an IEP. Join us for an informational series that focuses on program offerings, independence, and supporting life-long success. Registration required. Click here to access more information. [Flyer](#).



Division of Special Education

The Division of Special Education is offering the Spring of 2023 Parent Workshops in the months of March and in May. Come and discover the benefits of play and about more educational activities – Fundamentals of Universal Design For Learning. Click here to access more information. [Flyer](#).



Join us either in the months of April or May for an introduction to alternate curriculum and to receive strategies that you can implement to support a successful transition from elementary to middle school and from middle school to high school. Click her to access more information. [Flyer](#).

Homework Support

To ensure that your students get individualized help—anytime, anywhere, from any internet-connected device, LAUSD currently offers the 24/7 on-demand homework help with a personal virtual specialist that are available to all L.A. Unified students. The academic support is offered in multiple languages at no cost to families. For additional information visit the two vendors for on-demand homework. See below:

Paper: All Elementary Schools

(Or Span Schools grades TK-8)

Visit: <https://paper.co/lausd-los-angeles>

Languages: English, Spanish, Korean, Mandarin, French

Tutor.com: All Secondary Schools

(Or Span Schools grades 6-12, Span Schools grades

TK-12) and Option Schools. Visit <https://www.tutor.com/lausd>

Languages: English, Spanish, others coming soon!

Parent Portal

The Division of Special Education highly encourages all parents to access the Parent Portal where various special education documents and reports are available. To access the Parent Portal, visit:

<https://parentportalapp.lausd.net/parentaccess/>

Websites

Division of Special Education: <https://achieve.lausd.net/sped>

Office of Parent and Community Services (PCS): <https://achieve.lausd.net/pcss>

Phone Numbers

LAUSD General Hotline: 213-431-4300

Division of Special Education School and Family Support Services: 213-241-6701

LAUSD School Mental Health Hotline: 213-241-3840

Technology Access: 213-443-1300

