

## The Way We See It

Stanislaus SELPA

# Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

GET  
INVOLVED!

We recognize that placement in special education is the result of both the child's ability to learn, and the ability of general education to serve the child's needs. Therefore, it is imperative that general and special education forge a strong partnership, for each is an essential element of the other. We must build bridges between the generalists and the specialists, and pull down walls of bureaucracy and prejudice.



Our goal is to form a united educational community, so that children with learning difficulties can get the immediate intervention and continuing support they need, without losing the developmental, social and vocational benefits of a main stream education.



*Working to make  
education truly special*



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## What is the CAC?

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is open to parents, caregivers, guardians, grandparents, and family members with children in general and special education, and educators and representatives of local agencies who are interested in quality education for the disabled.

### What we do....

The CAC works with the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA):

- To develop and review programs and services outlined in the local plan
- To assist in parent education
- To raise community awareness of the needs of individuals with disabilities
- To support activities on behalf of children with exceptional needs
- To facilitate communication between schools, parents and the community

### What we've done...

- Advocated for a SELPA Transportation Specialist based on needs documented from parent surveys
- Supported activities for individuals with disabilities
- Provided and sponsored parent workshops and individual trainings

### Where We Fit In ....

The Community Advisory Committee meets with the SELPA Executive Director or program staff to provide input, discuss concerns and share what's new in the field of education.

The SELPA is a regional agency that oversees special education. The Stanislaus SELPA includes all the school districts in the County (except for Modesto City Schools, which has its own SELPA) and the Stanislaus County Office of Education.

Meetings are generally once a month on Wednesdays, September through June. They are open to anyone interested and we encourage participation.



## Interested in attending?

### CAC Meetings and Parent Workshops

6:00 pm

**Stanislaus SELPA Conference Room  
1404 Stonum Road, Modesto**

September 19, 2018— Storer Facility Tour

October 17, 2018— Surrogate Parent Training

January 16, 2019— Parent Questions & Answers

February 20, 2019— IEP Process-Parents' Rights

March 20, 2019—Hands-On Workshop for Kids

April 10, 2019—Business Meeting

May 1, 2019—Legislative Day in Sacramento

June 12, 2019—End-of-Year Meeting

Contact Angie Van Wagoner at 541-2333 for information regarding these meetings.

**Meetings are open to the public and held in the Stanislaus SELPA conference room located at 1404 Stonum Road, Modesto.**

Agendas and other information regarding CAC meetings can be found on our website at [www.stanselpa.org](http://www.stanselpa.org)

For more information, questions regarding meetings or if you would like reminders emailed to you, please contact the SELPA office at 541-2333 or [avanwagoner@stancoe.org](mailto:avanwagoner@stancoe.org)