



Solano County SELPA February Newsletter

Independent Child Advocate Program

The Solano County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Dispute Resolution Program is pleased to announce the services of an *expert* Independent Child Advocate to assist families.

Our Independent Child Advocate is Dr. Amber Busay, owner of AB Behavior and Consulting. Dr. Busay is available, **at no cost**, to provide services and support regarding special education to families and schools.

The Independent Child Advocate (ICA) serves as a liaison for families utilizing a child-centered, family-focused, non-adversarial approach. The ICA's services are tailored to your needs to produce a productive and effective working relationship with the school. This service is available to students who attend schools in Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield-Suisun, Travis, and Vacaville school districts, including students served in those districts through the county office of education.

The goal of the ICA program is to provide a neutral individual to assist families and improve collaboration and communication with the school to ensure that everyone works in the child's best interest!

Parents can contact Dr. Amber Busay directly via call or text to 707-660-9926 or email at abusay@abbehaviorconsulting.com.

Professional Development Opportunity

- 2/9 - 3:30-4:30 PM - [Admin Designee Training](#)

This course will provide qualified individuals with a foundation of knowledge to successfully serve as an administrative designee for IEP team meetings.

You will learn:

- The responsibilities of the LEA Administrative Designee
- The roles of various members of the IEP team
- Common procedural errors
- The concept of a substantive analysis in determining FAPE

Solano County CARE Clinic

CARE (Comprehensive Assessment Research and Evaluation) Clinic is operated by Victor Community Support Services for children with behaviors that cannot be managed in the classroom or at home.

The CARE Clinic is an intensive assessment period. Participation in the CARE clinic is free and voluntary, as the transdisciplinary team works to access and offer recommendations for effective interventions to use with children at home, in the community, and a future public school setting.

Parent involvement is an integral part of the program. This includes a parent commitment of 1 hour weekly (for supported playtime with the child) and another 1 hour a week for a parent meeting.

The CARE Clinic works with children ages 2.9 to 5.9 years of age. The program runs 4x a year (January, April, July, and October). It is designed to run 4 hours a day (8:30-12:30), 5 days a week for 10 weeks.

The next cohort begins on April 17th and ends on June 22nd. For more information, please call the Office Support Group at 707-425-5744 or SELPA Coordinator, Erica Mayer, at 707-399-4465.

February's Events

| Date | Event |
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| 2/10 | Special Education Council & Special Edu- |
| 2/15 | SELPA Governance and Finance Com- mittee |
| 2/16 | Council of Superintendents (COS) |
| 2/16 | Community Advisory Committee (CAC) |