

# What is the SELPA and the CAC?

SELPA stands for "Special Education Local Plan Area." SELPA is responsible for insuring that all services are provided as required by the **Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA)**, the federal law for special education. The SELPA is responsible for facilitation and interpretation of all legal requirements. It provides information and resources to families of children with disabilities so they can fully understand their rights. All of the local education agencies (LEAs) and the county office of education in Placer County are members of the Placer County SELPA.

The **Community Advisory Committee (CAC)** is one of the stakeholder groups that meets regularly with SELPA staff. Representatives from each LEA are nominated and approved by their respective governing boards to serve on the CAC. Most CAC representatives are parents of special education students, which give them the unique viewpoint, emotions, and similar circumstances that other parents of students with special needs may experience. In addition, representatives of other agencies working to support students with special needs also participate in the CAC. CAC members volunteer their time.



## Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Local Education Agencies (LEAs)

Ackerman School District	530-885-1974
Alta-Dutch Flat School District	530-389-8283
Auburn Union School District	530-885-7292
Colfax Elementary School District	530-346-2202
Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District	916-770-8800
Eureka Union School District	916-791-4939
Foresthill Union School District	530-367-2966
Horizon/PaSCL Charter Schools	916-408-5283
Loomis School District	916-652-1800
Newcastle School District	916-259-2852
PCOE – Infant Development Program	916-774-2795
PCOE – Placer County Office of Education	530-745-1310
Placer Hills Union School District	530-878-2606
Placer Union High School District	530-886-4400
Rocklin Unified School District	916-624-2428
Roseville City School District	916-771-1605
Roseville Joint Union High School District	916-771-6570
Tahoe-Truckee School District	530-582-2500
Western Placer Unified School District	916-645-6350

## Other Agencies

A Touch of Understanding	916-791-4146
Alta Regional Center	916-978-6400
Developmental Disabilities Area Board 3	916-263-3085
Head Start	530-885-5937
Placer County SELPA	530-886-5873
Warmline Family Resource Center	916-632-2100



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PLACER COUNTY  
**CAC**

The Community Advisory Committee  
Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)



## What is the Role of a CAC Representative?

The SELPA is responsible for developing a 'local plan' which describes how special education services are provided to all eligible children who need them. One of the roles of the CAC is to advise the SELPA and encourage community awareness and involvement when changes and updates to the local plan are made, or to address the annual priorities of the plan. In addition, CAC members participate in the following responsibilities and activities:



## “Facilitate communication between schools, parents and the community”

### Activities

- ▶ Participate in regular CAC meetings, reporting and sharing news from respective LEAs
- ▶ Meet regularly with their Special Education Administrator for coordination and collaboration

### Meetings

- ▶ Support activities on behalf of students with special needs
- ▶ Facilitate communication between schools, parents and the community
- ▶ Serve as resource person for other parents of students with special needs
- ▶ Assist in parent education and in recruiting parents, volunteers and agencies who may contribute to the activities of their respective LEA, the SELPA or the CAC



### Benefits of Being a CAC Member

- ✓ Building relationships with parents, professionals, decision makers
- ✓ Make recommendations for annual priorities
- ✓ Learning new ways to help your child with special needs
- ✓ Advise SELPA
- ✓ Increase knowledge of special education
- ✓ Access to training



Would you like to be contacted by a CAC parent?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Check school level and list grade your child(ren) is/are currently enrolled in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Infant                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Preschooler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary                                  | Grade: _____                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School                               | Grade: _____                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High School                                 | Grade: _____                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transition to Adult Living (Post-Secondary) |                                      |

Would you like to receive CAC agendas & minutes?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Clip and mail to:*

CAC c/o Placer County SELPA  
360 Nevada Street Auburn, CA 95630

*or email this information to:*  
wehlen@placercoe.k12.ca.us

Phone (530) 889-5873

*For your local CAC Representative call:*  
(530) 889-5873

*or email:*  
lgrassmann@placercoe.K12.ca.us

The CAC is established in Section 56190-56194 of the  
California Education Code



# CAC 2015-2016

## CAC Officers

Diana Welsh, Chair  
Janice Joyner, Co-Vice Chair  
Laurie Rawson, Co-Vice Chair  
Kim Smith, Secretary

## CAC School Districts

- \* *School district does not have a CAC parent assigned.  
Currently seeking parent volunteers.*

Ackerman Charter District

Alta-Dutch Flat School District\*

Auburn Union School District  
Diana Welsh • dianagwelsh@yahoo.com

Colfax Elementary School District  
Candi Myers • cmyers1230@yahoo.com

Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District

Eureka Union School District\*

Foresthill Union School District  
Holly Sear • searholly@gmail.com

Head Start\*

Horizon/PaSCL Charter Schools\*

Loomis Union School District  
Jael Torrez • jaeltorrez@gmail.com

Newcastle Elementary School District Julie  
Santos • julie\_iveson@yahoo.com

Placer County Office of Education

PCOE - Infant Development Program\*

Placer Hills Union School District  
Meranda Ditto • merandaditto@gmail.com

Placer Union High School District  
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Rocklin Unified School District  
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Roseville City School District\*

Roseville Joint Union High School District  
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Lisa Erickson

Tahoe-Truckee Unified School District\*

Western Placer Unified School District  
Shannon Vestesen • twink42250@aol.com

# CAC Goals 2015-2016

Support ongoing knowledge/skill development of  
CAC Representatives, as well as parents within the districts

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Build CAC membership (recruitment and retention of members)

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Continue to foster communication and collaboration between CAC  
Representatives, LEAs and parents within individual LEAs

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## CAC Meeting Schedule 2015-2016

PCOE Main Building | 360 Nevada Street, Auburn  
All meetings are 9:30 a.m. –11:30 a.m.  
A/B Conference Room

August 19 2015 • 2015–2016 Planning

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September 16, 2015 • General Meeting  
**Special Training**

Tips for Successful IEP Meetings (PlacerCounty SELPA)

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October 21, 2015 • General Meeting  
**Needs and Vision for CAC**  
(Joint discussion with Special Education Administrators)

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November 18, 2015 • General Meeting  
**Use of One-on-One Supports for Students**  
Placer County SELPA Program Specialist

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NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

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January 20, 2016 • General Meeting  
**Update on Smarter Balanced and CA Alternative Assessments**  
Placer County SELPA Program Specialist

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February 24, 2016 • General Meeting  
**Use of Related Services to Support a Student's Needs and Goals**  
Burns Conference Room

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March 16, 2016 • General Meeting  
**Planning for Transitions Across All Ages/Grades**  
Placer County SELPA Program Specialist

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April 20, 2016 • General Meeting  
**Special Training**  
Developing Social Skills with Your Child (TBD)

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May 13, 2016 • General Meeting  
**SEAC/CAC Annual Luncheon following General Meeting**  
**PCOE Main - Burns Room**

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NO MEETINGS IN JUNE & JULY

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**The Placer County  
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Handbook  
(English 2009) can be downloaded here:**  
[http://www.placercoe.k12.ca.us/StudentsandParents/Pages/  
SELPADocPR1314.aspx?dept=selpa](http://www.placercoe.k12.ca.us/StudentsandParents/Pages/SELPADocPR1314.aspx?dept=selpa)