

Advocacy Resources

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, BAY AREA OFFICE

Federally-funded agency serving persons with developmental disabilities in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo Counties. They are available to assist families having trouble with a Regional Center.

Address: 1515 Clay St., #300, Oakland, CA 94612

Phone: 510-286-0439

Web site: www.scdd.ca.gov/Area_Board/Area_Board_5.htm

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION (CASE)

Non-profit organization providing para-legal services, education and free 45-minute phone consultations. Sponsors parent workshops and publishes Special Education Rights and Responsibilities (available through their web site).

Address: 1550 Bryant St., #835, San Francisco, CA 94103

Phone: 415-431-2285

Web site: www.caseadvocacy.org/

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Program of the Contra Costa Health Services Department providing advocacy, coordination and information for people with developmental disabilities. Monthly Board of Directors meetings are open to the public.

Address: 597 Center Ave., #200, Martinez, CA 94553

Phone: 925-313-6836

Web site: www.cchealth.org/groups/ddc

DISABILITY RIGHTS ADVOCATES

Non-profit legal center dedicated to protecting the civil and human rights of people with disabilities.

Address: 2001 Center St., 4th floor, Berkeley, CA 94704

Phone: 510-665-8644 (voice); 510-665-8716 (TTY)

Web site: www.drlegal.org

DISABILITY RIGHTS EDUCATION DEFENSE FUND (DREDF)

National law and policy center in disability civil rights, & Parent Training and Information Center (PTI) for Contra Costa County. Advocates for civil rights of persons with disabilities and for changes in policies and attitudes so that people with disabilities can participate fully in society. Provides assistance about disability civil rights laws and policies. There is a Parent Advocate on staff who advises parents.

Address: 3075 Adeline St., Suite 210, Berkeley, CA 94703

Phone: 800-348-4232 or 510-644-2555; Parents ask to speak to the Parent Advocate.

Web site: www.dredf.org

DISABILITY RIGHTS CALIFORNIA

Public interest law firm serving individuals with developmental disabilities and mental illness and providing advocacy services, technical assistance, and direct representation.

Address: 1330 Broadway, Ste. 500, Oakland, CA 94612

Phone: 800-776-5746 or 510-267-1200 (voice); 800-719-5798 (TTY)

Web site: www.disabilityrightsca.org

OFFICE OF CLIENTS' RIGHTS ADVOCACY (OCRA)

Provides clients' rights advocacy for people who are Regional Center consumers. Clients' Rights Advocates help people with developmental disabilities and their families get the services they need.

Toll Free Number: 800-390-7032

Local Phone: 510-267-1280; Fax 510-267-1281

Web site: www.disabilityrightsca.org/about/ocra.htm

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The following Family Resource Centers / Parent Training and Information Centers serve counties surrounding Contra Costa County. Their parent trainings and support groups may be open to families living in Contra Costa County.

MATRIX PARENT NETWORK & RESOURCE CENTER

Primarily serves families in Marin, Napa, Sonoma, and Solano Counties.

Offices: 94 Galli Drive, Suite C, Novato, CA 94949 and 1615 W. Texas Street, Suite 4, Fairfield, CA, 94533

Phone: 800-578-2592; Fax: 415-884-3555 (Novato); 707-425-4585 (Fairfield)

Web site: www.matrixparents.org

PARENTS HELPING PARENTS

Serves families in Santa Clara County.

Address: 400 Parkmoor Avenue, Suite 100, San Jose, CA 95126

Phone: 855-727-5775 (toll free in CA); 408-727-5775; Fax: 408-286-1116

Web site: www.php.com

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Serves families in San Francisco.

Address: 1663 Mission St., 7th floor, San Francisco, CA 94103

Phone: 415-282-7494 (general); 415-920-5040 (warmline); Fax: 415-282-1226

Web site: www.supportforfamilies.org

The following web sites may provide additional helpful information on rights of people with disabilities.

KEEPING THE LANTERMAN PROMISE – KTLP.ORG

Information for families and friends working together to defend and preserve California's promise to people with developmental disabilities.

Web site: www.KTLP.org

WRIGHTSLAW SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW AND ADVOCACY

Information about special education law, education law and advocacy for children with disabilities.

Web site: www.wrightslaw.com/

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Services and supports to children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Web site: www.dds.ca.gov

US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

Serves student populations facing discrimination.

Web site: www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html

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