

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

6000 SPECIAL EDUCATION - INSTRUCTION

6300 INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING AND INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM

6302 Responsibility of Individualized Education Program Teams

District or County Education Office Individualized Education Program (IEP) Teams will make placement recommendations for programs operated within their district of responsibility, except as follows:

1. Individuals with exceptional needs who are within the age range of birth to 3 years and who are enrolled, or may be enrolled, in special education programs in public schools within the boundaries of the Santa Barbara County SELPA are the responsibility of the County Education Office IEP Teams, except when a district chooses to operate appropriate programs which may meet the needs of the student.
2. County Education Office IEP Teams will be responsible for all referrals of individuals who are within the age range of 3 to 4.9 years, except for those referrals for special education services where districts operate programs which appear to meet the needs of the suspected disability of the referred individuals. In the latter cases, the district administrator and specialist shall be invited to the IEP Team meeting to assist in the determination of need, frequency and/or duration of service.
3. Individuals with exceptional needs residing in foster family homes and in group homes defined as LCIs are the responsibility of the IEP Team of the nondirect service district in which the individual resides and of the IEP Team of the County Education Office for direct service districts if the individual resides in a direct service district of Santa Barbara County.
4. Individuals with exceptional needs ages 18 to 22 years old residing in foster family homes and in group homes defined as LCIs are the responsibility of the district where they reached the age of majority or the district of residence of their conservator (if conserved). The district of responsibility may contact the district where the LCI is located to determine if they are able and willing to serve the student. All costs associated with the placement shall be the fiscal responsibility of the district where the student reached the age of majority or where the conservator resides (if the student is conserved).
5. Individuals placed in Juvenile Court facilities **and Community Day Schools** are the responsibility of County Education Office IEP Teams.
6. Special education services for eligible students placed in public hospitals, proprietary hospitals and other residential medical facilities shall be provided by the school district in which the facility is located.

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7. When a student attends programs operated by an entity other than that responsible for the IEP, any IEP meeting shall include invited representatives of both entities.

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