



What are Educational Services for Children Ages 3 to 17?

The public school system in California has an important role in providing services to children with developmental disabilities.

Local education agencies provide special education and related services to children with disabilities in environments including the home, school, public or private preschools or child care settings.

Regional Centers continue to provide some services for children, who are eligible under the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, that are not provided as special education and related services.

An exemption may be granted on an individual basis in extraordinary circumstances to permit purchase of services only when the regional center determines that the service is a primary or critical means to ameliorate the physical, cognitive or psychosocial effects of the Individual's developmental disability or, the service is necessary to enable the individual to remain at home and no alternative service is available to meet the individual's needs.

More information about educational services for children with special needs can be obtained through your local school district, local education agency or Special Education Local Plan Area.

For more information about day programs, please speak with your Service Coordinator.

ELARC's policies for adult day programs may be found on our website under Purchase of Service Guidelines.

ELARC follows these Guidelines when authorizing service requests for Individuals and Families.