

## SELPA Seeking Individuals with Exceptional Needs

SAN BERNARDINO – Special Education Local Plan Areas are seeking all individuals with exceptional needs up to 21 years of age. This includes children who reside in San Bernardino County, but who are not enrolled in public school.

Parents who believe their child may have a physical, academic, or mental disability should contact their local school district's special education department or local Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) office.

A local special education office can assist families regarding referral procedures, parent/child rights under federal and state laws, identification procedures for individuals with exceptional needs and the continuum of services that may be available.

Eligibility and services vary for individuals with exceptional needs based on infant, preschool or school age levels. All students from birth to age 21 have search and serve requirements as mandated by federal and state laws. For school age children enrolled in public education, a pupil shall be referred for special education programs and services only after the resources of the regular education program have been considered and, where appropriate, utilized.

For children who reside within the county but are enrolled in a private school, the parent should contact the private school as well as the district's special education department to inquire about identification and/or services for students enrolled in a private school.

For additional information, contact the following County Superintendent of Schools offices:

Desert/Mountain SELPA (760) 242-6333

East Valley SELPA (909) 252-4507

West End SELPA (909) 481-4547