

The CAC needs YOU!

Attending a CAC meeting is a great opportunity to gain a tremendous amount of knowledge, and to have your voice be heard!

Here are a few ways you can help support the CAC and your child's education:

- > Attend a meeting.
- > Increase community participation by inviting another parent or educator to the meeting.
- > Volunteer on the board or a committee.
- > Offer to represent your school district.
- > Help pick up and distribute literature.
- > Help review by-laws and other important documents.

Your voice is important!

We want to hear what issues are important to you, what topics you would like to see addressed, and how the CAC can help you support your child in school!

Please contact us with your thoughts and ideas, and be sure to include your contact information. Send an email to cacsonomacounty@yahoo.com, or US Mail at the following address:

Sonoma County CAC
c/o Sonoma County SELPA
5340 Skylane Boulevard
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

School Districts and LEA Charter Schools Participating in the Sonoma County Local Plan Area:

Alexander Valley Union	Oak Grove Union
Bellevue Union	Old Adobe Union
Bennett Valley Union	Pathways Charter School
California Virtual Academies	Petaluma Elementary
Cinnabar	Petaluma Joint High
Cloverdale Unified	Piner-Olivet Union
Cotati-RP Unified	Rincon Valley Union
Dunham	Roseland
Forestville Union	Santa Rosa Elementary
Fort Ross	Santa Rosa City High
Geyserville Unified	Sebastopol Ind. Charter
Gravenstein Union	Sebastopol Union
Guerneville	Sonoma Valley Unified
Harmony Union	Twin Hills Union
Healdsburg Unified	Two Rock Union
Horicon	Wagh
Kashia	West Side Union
Kenwood	W. Sonoma Cty. Union
Liberty	Wilmar Union
Mark West Union	Windsor Unified
Monte Rio Union	Wright
Montgomery	

"The message is clear. It is simply impossible to have an island of excellence in a sea of community indifference, and when parents become school partners, the results can be consequential and enduring."

2012-2013 CAC Officers:

Kristie Oldaker and Edith Garcia, Co-Chairs
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Sonoma County

Community Advisory Committee



"Linking together the Special Education Community"

In collaboration with the Sonoma County Special Education Local Plan Area

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What is the CAC?

The CAC works with SELPA (Sonoma County Special Education Local Plan Area) to help address the needs of the special education community.

The CAC serves in an advisory capacity to the SELPA regarding community opinions, concerns, and suggestions pertaining to special education and related services to students with disabilities. The CAC strives for acceptance of learning differences and the importance of promoting accessibility in all areas of the community. The CAC believes classroom instruction should address all ability levels and learning styles. To achieve this, the CAC represents and supports the interest of children with disabilities, their parents, educators and our community.

Who are we?

The CAC is composed of parents of children with special educational needs, educators, administrators, community members and representatives of other public and private agencies who are interested in providing quality education for children with special needs.



2012 – 2013 Meeting Information

All CAC meetings are open to the public and are held at the following location:

Santa Rosa School District
Office Board Room
211 Ridgeway Avenue, Santa Rosa

The meeting will begin at 6:00pm and run until 7:30pm. Each meeting will have a topic which has been selected based on your feedback from previous meetings, and we will strive to have a guest speaker who will present on the topic at every meeting.

Meeting Schedule & Topics

November 13, 2012 - Mental Health

January 22, 2013 - Behavior Support

March 12, 2013 - Social Stories

May 14, 2013 - Discipline in the School

Other Important Information

We understand that it can be a challenge to arrange for childcare, transportation, etc. Please note that a \$50 stipend and mileage reimbursement will be offered for each CAC meeting attended. Applications will be available at the meeting.

A Spanish interpreter is in attendance every meeting.

What does the CAC do?

- > Increases parent awareness of changes in special education laws.
- > Informs parents of resources within our community.
- > Serves in an advisory capacity in the review and development of the Local Plan for Special Education.
- > Recommends annual priorities to be addressed by the SELPA.
- > Encourages community involvement in the development of the Local Plan.
- > Assists in parent education and recruitment.



What is the goal of the CAC?

We recognize that placement in special education is the result of both the child's ability to learn, and the ability of general education to serve the child's needs. Therefore, it is imperative that general and special education forge a strong partnership, for each is an essential element of the other.

Our goal is to form a united educational community, so that children with learning difficulties can get the immediate intervention and continuing support they need, without losing the developmental, social and vocational benefits of a mainstream education.