

The Latest on IDEA

In 1975, the United States Congress passed legislation providing for the education and protection of children with disabilities in public schools. The law must be examined and reauthorized as The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act Amendments of 2004 (IDEA 04). It is also known as P.L. 108-446.

This new law went into effect on July 1, 2004 and includes many changes designed to ensure that children with disabilities receive a high quality, free and appropriate education (FAPE).

On August 3, 2006 the final regulations implementing Part B of IDEA 2004 were made public.



Advocating for Children
with Disabilities to
Build a Better Future

Mission Statement:

The Oklahoma Parents Center is dedicated to the equality of children and adults with disabilities. Our mission is to train, inform, educate and support parents, families, professionals and consumers in building partnerships that meet the needs of children and youth with the full range of disabilities ages birth through twenty-six.

About us:

(OPC) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit agency that operates the statewide federally funded Parent Training and Information Center (PTI) in Oklahoma. We are funded in part by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE). However, the contents do not necessarily represent the policies of the funding agencies and endorsement should not be assumed.

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What are Parent Centers?



Oklahoma Parents Center (OPC) is a federally funded Parent Training and Information Center. We are funded

through the US department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE). We have been providing services to Oklahoma families of children with disabilities, their teachers and other professionals since 2000. Our PTI staff is here to help you navigate the Special Education Maze and provide you with the information and tools you need to be a informed and active participant in your child's education.

All services are provided at no cost to Oklahoma parents and families!

- Toll Free Parent Info Line answered by Parents
- Staff is located in six regions of the state
- Individual Assistance with educational issues
- Parent Education Workshops
- Information and Referral

OUR PURPOSE:

The purpose of the PTI project is to help Oklahoma parents and families:

- Better understand the nature of their children's disabilities and their children's educational, developmental, and transitional needs;
- Communicate effectively and work collaboratively with their child's educators and other professionals;
- Participate in decision-making processes, including those related to their child's Individualized Education Program (IEP);
- Understand about the range, type and quality of options, programs and services, technologies, practices and interventions that are based on scientifically based research;
- Understand the resources available to assist their children at school and home;
- Understand their rights as provided under IDEA (the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004);
- Participate in activities at the school level that benefit their children; and to participate in school reform activities.

Parent Education Workshops

OPC provides workshops and training opportunities on a variety of topics across Oklahoma including:

- Writing Effective IEPs (Individualized Education Programs)
- Positive Behavior Supports
- Communication Skills
- Transition to Preschool and Kindergarten Services
- Transition to Adulthood
- Basic Rights In Special Education
- 504- ADA
- Bully Prevention and Solutions

For more information or to schedule a workshop in your area - Call toll free 877-553-4332!

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