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New State of Utah Special Education Rules

This year the Utah State Board of Education released a new version of Utah's special education state rules. These new rules became effective in October of 2016. Many of the changes are minor, although there are some significant rules changes and clarifications that are important to know about. Below, you will find a few highlights:

- Charter schools may not refer students to their local school districts to be identified and evaluated as a student in need of special education and related services, including IEP or placement needs. They must conduct the evaluation themselves.

- The signatures on the IEP denote participation in the development of the IEP.
- State complaints will be filed with, and investigated by, the Utah State Director of Special Education. The Director will provide a decision on the complaint, and this is not subject to appeal.
- Students who are simultaneously enrolled in both home school or private school and a public school are entitled to special education and related services. The IEP team must consider the amount of time and courses needed to provide a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).
- IDEA applies to students who are residing in nursing homes or who may be in state custody/care.

- Transition plans are developed, as part of an IEP, for students ages 14 and older. The student must receive an invitation to his/her transition meeting.
- Students who enter into custody of the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) will be evaluated within 30 calendar days, once DCFS has made the request
- *Special Education Services* was clarified to be services provided directly to the student, and it does not include teachers consulting with each other, monitoring the student's grades or work completion.

For more information or to view the full new state rules, Please go to: <http://www.schools.utah.gov/sars/Laws/Rules.aspx>

Upcoming Events!

Basics of Guardianship- Michelle Morris

Guardianship Associates of Utah
What is guardianship and why is it important? Did you know that all children who turn 18, the age of majority, are considered adults even if they have disabilities? Come to this presentation to learn about guardianship and if you will need to file for it, what types of guardianship are available, and what the process entails.

Wednesday January, 11 7:00PM-9:00PM
Granite Education Center, D-220
2500 S. State Street, South Salt Lake

Online Registration: <http://conta.cc/2d4VAYA>

Taming the Lion without the Whip: Using Positive Approaches in Dealing with Challenging Behaviors

This session will explore the basics of positive behavior supports and how to understand the function of difficult behaviors. The latter part will teach simple interventions that can be used with children who struggle with challenging behavior or difficult behaviors that may be part of their disability. Training is provided through a grant from the Interagency Outreach Training Initiative.

Tuesday, January 19th 7:00-8:30 PM
Magna Library 2675 South, 8900 West
Magna, Utah, 84044

Online Registration: <http://conta.cc/ZoqvDM>

New Free Webinar Available from the Utah Parent Center

IEP vs. Section 504 Plans: Which Is Right for My Child?

Presented by: Naté Deardon and Jennifer Slade, Utah State Office of Education

Recorded: April 26, 2016

Length: 57 Minutes

Children with disabilities who qualify for special education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) receive services under an IEP plan. However, some children with disabilities do not receive services under an IEP but are instead served under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504). This interactive webinar, presented by Jennifer Slade and Naté Deardon at the Utah State Office of Education, will describe similarities as well as differences between the IDEA and Section 504. For some children, providing the appropriate modifications and accommodations they need is the only way they will be successful in their school experiences. A thorough understanding of the provisions of these two laws and how they differ can help you and your child's teachers plan the most appropriate education for your child. To view the Webinar go to: <http://www.utahparentcenter.org/iep504webinar/>



Lego Robotics Classes at Columbus Community Center!



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Ages 14-26

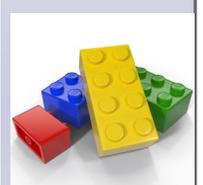
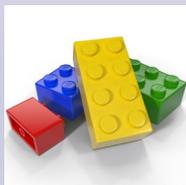
4-5:30 PM at 3495 So. West Temple

Students will explore basic scientific principles, engineering, design, wiring, and basic coding, all while having fun!

Pre-registration required!! Maximum of 10 students per class.



To register, call Amy Wadsworth at 385-715-5376
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