

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION
Humboldt – Del Norte SELPA

February 24, 2026

12-1 PM

ZOOM Meeting

[Register Here](#)

https://humboldtcoe.zoom.us/meeting/register/tfp-ZC-mTsid4-0t9rkP_A#/registration

AGENDA

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

3.0 INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Humboldt Neuro Health Presentation - Felice Phillips

3.2 Welcome New CAC Member

Pacific Union - Janet Wood

3.3 AI Note Taker for CAC Meeting

3.4 Reminder of Goals for CAC 25/26

- Recruitment of Members
 - Focused plan
 - Send reminders before meetings
 - Changing Time so more can attend - Poll current members
 - CAC Tabling
 - High School Events (i.e. special olympics, bocci ball, basketball, life skills prom) CAC Tabling
 - Find dates
 - Humboldt Fit Kids - dates (David Adams)
 - Signing Santa Table
- Calendar of Events
- Community Presentations
- In-Person get together
- Social Media Page

3.5 Parent Training Opportunity -

3.4.1 Nancy Bridenbaugh - Finger Spelling - Follow-Up

3.5 Secretary Position for CAC Open

3.6 Adjustment of Bylaws

4.0 AGENCY SHARING/REPORTS

4.1 Tri County Independent Living - www.tilinet.org

- 4.2 IDEA 50th Anniversary - February - Celebrating Diversity and Strengths
- 4.3 DHH BBQ - June 6th - See Flyer Below
- 4.4 Parents & Special Needs Parent Support Group - February 27 5-6 See flyer below
- 4.5 Parent Project
 - McKinleyville not yet scheduled - will likely begin the last week of March or first week of April
 - See Eureka Flyer below
- 4.6 Life Skills Basketball Schedule:
 - Tuesday, Feb. 24 @ 10:30 AM -- Arcata High vs. Eureka High -- at ARCATA HIGH
 - Thursday, March 5 @ 10:30 AM -- Arcata High vs. Eureka High -- at McKinleyville HIGH
 - Friday, March 13 @ 10:30 AM -- Arcata High vs. Fortuna High -- at ARCATA HIGH
 - Thursday, March 19 @ 10:00 AM-2:00 PM -- TOURNAMENT at EUREKA HIGH

5.0 OTHER TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND/OR AGENDA ADDITIONS

- 5.1 Continue focus on CAC Goals
- 5.2 Continue Member Recruitment - Consider ways to recruit
- 5.3 ASL Supports/Training in schools
- 5.4 Special Olympics Presenter
- 5.5 Trainings for Paraprofessionals - PD Days at the start of the year, or throughout the year. Early Release Days. Consult time. Having 1:1 aides participate in meetings.
- 5.5 Other topics?

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDIVIDUALS WITH
DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA)



FEBRUARY 2026

Celebrating Diversity & Strengths



**DISABILITY HIGHLIGHT:
ORTHOPEDIC IMPAIRMENT**

Orthopedic impairment means a severe orthopedic impairment that adversely affects a child's educational performance. The term includes impairments caused by a congenital anomaly, impairments caused by disease (e.g., poliomyelitis, bone tuberculosis), and impairments from other causes (e.g., cerebral palsy, amputations, and fractures or burns that cause contractures).

MONTHLY FOCUS:

*Unique Abilities, Unlimited Potential:
Embracing Differences*

DISABILITY RECOGNITION

- Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM)
- Low Vision Awareness Month
- National Cancer Prevention Month
- Turner Syndrome Awareness Month

DAYS OF RECOGNITION

- 1st Week in February-White Cane Week, Tinnitus Awareness Week
- February 2-Rheumatoid Awareness Day
- February 4- World Cancer Day
- February 10-International Epilepsy Day
- February 15-International Angelman Day
- February 22-World Encephalitis Day
- February 28- Rare Disease Day

By shifting the conversation from deficits to strengths and celebrating the diverse talents, perspectives, and contributions of individuals with disabilities, we promote a culture of acceptance and understanding.

When we embrace diversity, we recognize that differences are not flaws to be fixed, but a natural and valuable part of the human experience. By promoting a culture of acceptance and understanding, we move beyond "accommodation" and toward true belonging. We aren't just making space; we are actively valuing the different ways people think, move, see, and interact with the world. In the case of orthopedic impairments, this means recognizing that while a student's mobility may require different tools, their capacity for leadership, creativity, and connection is limitless.



POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES

- "Design & Defiance" Wall of Trailblazers: Focus specifically on individuals with orthopedic impairments and physical disabilities who redesigned the world around them.
- "My Superpower" Student Panel: Where students with visible (physical/orthopedic) and invisible disabilities share their "Specialized Strengths."
- The "Unlimited Potential" Talent Showcase: Transform the traditional talent show into a Multimodal Showcase.
- Peer "Innovation" Partners: Pair students to solve a specific challenge, emphasizing that a nondisabled student and a disabled student together create a stronger, more creative team.
- "Perspectives in Paint" Art Gallery: Students create artwork inspired by sensory experiences or unique vantage points.
- "Architects of My Own Success" Self-Advocacy Lab: Reframe the IEP/504 workshop into a "SuccessLab." Students map out their own "Unlimited Potential" plan, identifying exactly which tools (speech-to-text, unique seating, sensory breaks) unlock their best work.
- "Own Voices" Library Takeover: Curate a library section titled "The Beauty of Differences."

To share your celebration ideas/activities with us, please email: IDEA50@selpa.info



**CLICK TO WATCH
A VIDEO "I'M
TYLER...DON'T BE
SURPRISED"**

*"Ability Awareness is
simply the skill of
recognizing that what
someone CAN do is much
more important than
what they can't do."*

-Tyler Greene

**STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF
SUPPORT HIGHLIGHT**
(Click on the pictures to access resources)

EMBRACE ABILITIES



**State Performance Plan
Technical Assistance Project
(SPP-TAP)**



8th Annual
DEAF COMMUNITY
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AT SEQUOIA PARK

JUNE 6, 2026

NOON - 3:00 P.M.

FOOD • FUN • GAMES

BRING YOUR FAMILY!

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Parents and Special Needs Parent Support Group

**February 27th
5-6pm**

**Grant Elementary School
3901 G St.
Room 1**

Topic of the Month: From Confidence to Consistency And Everything in-between.

**~ Come as you are. Whether that's tired,
hopeful, feeling isolated, struggling to create
calm in your home, or just needing a break.
Let's share stories, trade tips, and let
ourselves feel seen. Let's build community.**

What to expect:

- **Open, judgement free conversation**
- **Connection with other parents and caregivers**
- **Tips and tricks on our topic**
- **Free supports and visuals**
- **Snacks and beverages will be provided**

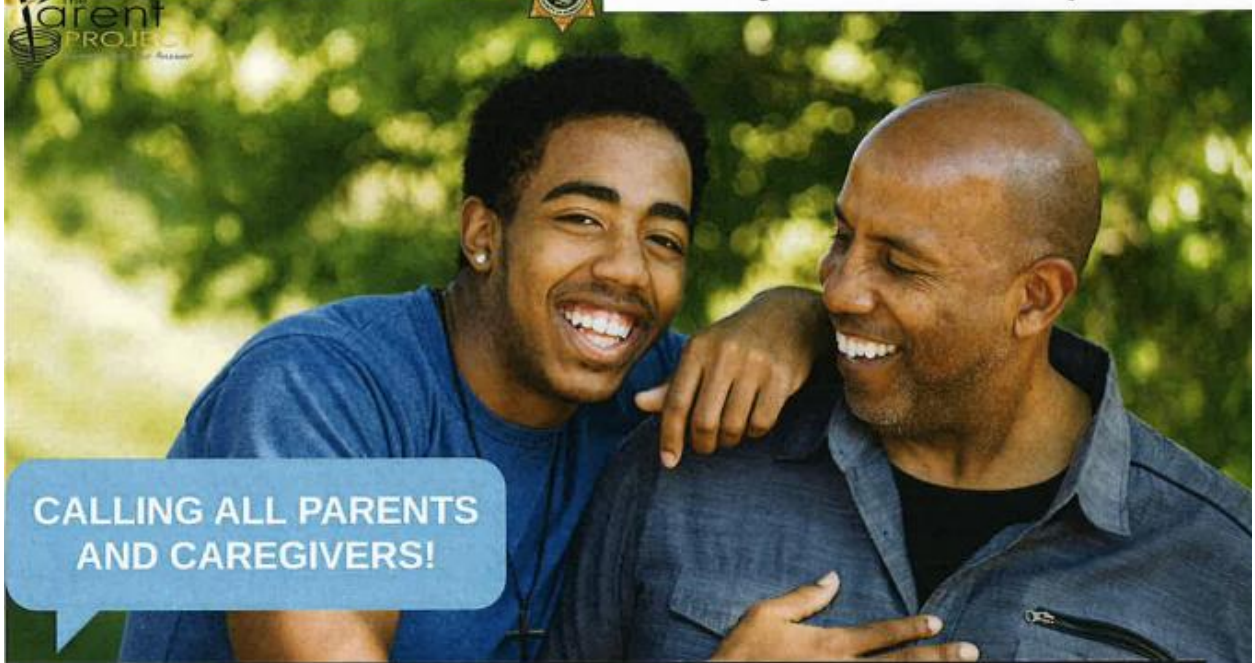
Child Care Provided

Hosted by Sadie Nilsen

Raffle Door Prize!



Hosted by Humboldt County Probation



CALLING ALL PARENTS
AND CAREGIVERS!

The Parent Project

Empowering Parents Transforming Teens

- Learn how to never argue with your child again!
- Improve school attendance and performance!
- Explore concrete solutions for media issues!
- Prevent or intervene in alcohol or drug use!

Scan the QR code
to register!



Free 10 Week Course!

Questions? Call Candace at (707) 268-3338.

March 10 - May 19

**Tuesdays, 6-8:00 PM at Zane Middle School
Dinner and childcare provided!**

