

# **Parent Resources**

## **IDEA 2004**

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law ensuring services to children with disabilities throughout the nation. IDEA governs how states and public agencies provide early intervention, special education and related services to more than 6.5 million eligible infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities.

Infants and toddlers with disabilities (birth-2) and their families receive early intervention services under IDEA Part C. Children and youth (ages 3-21) receive special education and related services under IDEA Part B. <http://idea.ed.gov/>

## **Colorado Department of Education**

The Exceptional Student Leadership Unit Website is a resource to teachers, administrators, and parents of students with exceptional educational needs due to disability, giftedness, unique talents, or English language learners who also have special needs.

[www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/index.asp](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/index.asp)

303-866-6694

The Special Education Law Web Page is designed to give you access to Colorado Special Education Law information. From this site you will be able to locate and download special education law brochures and decisions for Due Process Hearings and Federal Complaints. You can also download a copy of the Rules for the Administration of the Exceptional Children's Educational Act—our state special education rules.

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/spedlaw/index.htm>

**Early Childhood Connections** Early Childhood Connections is Colorado's infant and toddler initiative under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Early Childhood Connections is an interagency initiative. The lead agency for implementation is the Colorado Department of Human Services. [www.earlychildhoodconnections.org](http://www.earlychildhoodconnections.org) 1-877-777-4041

**PEAK Parent Center** PEAK Parent Center is Colorado's federally designated Parent Training and Information Center (PTI). PEAK assists families and others through services like its telephone hotline, workshops, conferences, website, and publications. As a PTI, PEAK offers parent-to-parent support, but it does not hold support group meetings. We work one-on-one with families and also collaborate with state government and the education, rehabilitation, and medical communities to make system changes that improve outcomes for children. [www.peakparent.org](http://www.peakparent.org) 1-800-284-0251

**The Legal Center for People with Disabilities & Older People** The Legal Center is an independent public interest non-profit specializing in civil rights and discrimination issues. We protect the human, civil and legal rights of people with mental and physical disabilities, people with HIV, and older people throughout Colorado. [www.thelegalcenter.org](http://www.thelegalcenter.org) 1-800-288-1376