

December 2nd, 2021

Hello CAC Community!

It is hard to believe it is December already. Inclusive Schools Week is happening next week and the CAC has partnered with many departments across the district to share Inclusion resources, deliver posters and support staff in planning events at schools across the district. Be sure to read below and check out the [SFUSD Inclusive Schools Week website](#) to find out how you and your child can submit work to the inclusive arts showcase, workout with the 49ers, attend a workshop on, "IEps -Myths vs. Facts" or listen to a panel discussion on Inclusion.

Thank you to everyone who attended our November CAC meeting on the proposed changes to the SFUSD Student Assignment System. Many thanks to those who participated and shared their thoughts about the needs of students receiving special education services. To learn more visit the [Student Assignment webpage](#) or checkout the [Presentation Slides](#) on the CAC website.

DECEMBER CAC EVENTS: Celebrate Inclusive Schools Week Dec. 6-10!

- Submit art to the [Inclusive Art Showcase](#) - open to all students to share what rebuilding our inclusive community looks and feels like for them. Checkout last year's [Inclusive Arts Showcase](#) for inspiration and submit work via this [Google Form](#).
- Register for the [Virtual 49er Workout](#) hosted by the SFUSD PE Department and Special Olympics of Northern California. Monday, December 6th from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm. [Register here](#).
- Register for the Parent Education Institute [IEP Myths and Facts Workshop](#), sponsored by SFUSD ADR and Support for Families of Children with Disabilities. Wednesday, December 8th from 6-8pm. [Register here](#).
- Register for a Virtual [Special Olympics Assembly](#) featuring an Special Olympics Athlete speaker hosted by the Access program at Thurgood Marshall (open to all ages). Thursday, December 9th from 9:00am - 10:00am. [Register here](#).
- Register for the [Young Adult Inclusion Panel - Rebuilding our Inclusive Community](#) Thursday, December 9th from 6:30-7:30pm. [Register here](#).

SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEWS:

Support for Families Events:

- **Navigating Systems Series- What Are In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)?**
Thursday, December 16 from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Information covered in this training will

include: eligibility for IHSS, Protective Supervision, service authorization, preparing for assessments, and the appeals process. [Register Here](#)

- **Seeking Parent Mentors!** We are looking for caregivers of children with disabilities or special health care needs who feel ready to give back and share their knowledge about their experiences with others. Parent Mentor Training is coming up in the first week of December and we would love to discuss this opportunity with you! [Click here to Sign Up or Learn More](#)
- **Power of a Princess** - Tuesday, 12/7/2021; 5-5:45pm. Make all your fairytale dreams come true! Join us for a magical event hosted by Power of a Princess, and meet your favorite princesses like Ariel, Mulan, Cinderella, Rapunzel and Tinkerbell! [Register](#)
- **Individualized Education Program (IEP) Clinics.** Presented in [English](#): 2nd Thursdays; 4:00-6:00 pm [Register](#). Presented in [Spanish](#): 3rd Thursdays; 4:00-6:00 pm [Register](#)

Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund (DREDF) Webinars:

- **December 8, 2021 from 6:00 – 7:15 pm - COVID Vaccines for Children with Disabilities with Dr. Noemi Spinazzi.** If you have a child with a disability aged 5-11 and have questions or concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine, this webinar will help you make an informed decision.. [Register Here](#)
- **December 13, from 7:00pm – 8:30pm - IEP Basics and Beyond.** An overview of the special education process, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act laws.
- **December 13, 2021 from 10:00am – 11:30am Educación Especial: Información Básica y Esencial.** Una descripción general del proceso de educación especial, la Ley de Rehabilitación sección 504 y la Ley de Educación para Personas con Discapacidades (IDEA – por sus siglas en ingles).
- **DREDF Authors New Report: The Impact of COVID-19 on People with Disabilities** On October 29, the National Council on Disability (NCD) published a [Report](#), authored by [DREDF](#) and the [Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law](#), that documents the unique ways COVID-19 harmed people with disabilities.

SPECIAL EDUCATION NEWS

- [Now is the time for schools to invest in special-education inclusion models that benefit all students](#) by EdSource
- [Peppa Pig Theme Park will include sensory guide, sensitivity training as Certified Autism Center](#)
- The IDEA Full Funding Act of 2021 was introduced in November and will be voted on December 3rd! The bill can be found [here](#). For more information read this article: [IDEA Full Funding: Why Should Congress Invest In Special](#)

[Education?](#) **What Can You Do?** Ask Congress to invest more in federal education, send [an action alert](#).

- The San Francisco Department of Disability and Aging Services is currently conducting the 2022 Dignity Fund Community Needs Assessment (DFCNA) to understand the strengths, challenges, and gaps in services to older adults and adults with disabilities in San Francisco. Targeted focus groups are being conducted in the next few weeks. [Learn more on their website](#)

SFUSD EVENTS & NEWS:

- [Congratulations to Heidi Seretan - 826 Valencia Teacher of the Month!](#) Heidi teaches at AccessSFUSD: The Arc, which is a community-based Special Education Transition Program for students with disabilities, ranging from ages 18 to 22. The program focuses on developing students' independent living skills, and offers resources including job training and money management tips.
- **Covid Recovery Services** - SFUSD will continue to offer COVID Recovery Services, (CRS) Throughout the 2021-22 School year. CRS is offered to students with IEPs to address potential learning loss due to the impact of COVID-19 in the Spring of 2019 and Distance Learning in SY20-21. **For students to be considered for Session 2 enrollment, families must respond using the CRS Parent Acceptance Link by December 3, 2021.** **Parents/guardians of students who are in the Resource Specialist Program (RSP) should contact their child's case manager to set up an IEP team to discuss Covid Recovery Services for their child.** Each IEP team makes an individualized determination on whether the student needs Covid Recovery Services. For more information view the [Covid Recovery Services Frequently Asked Questions](#).

CRS Session 2 Dates:

In-Person: January 15, 2021 - March 5, 2021 (no school 1/29 & 2/19)

Virtual: January 11, 2021 - March 3, 2021 (no school week of 2/21)

- **SFUSD School Enrollment:** If you have a student entering kindergarten, middle school, or high school next year, you must apply for a new school. The online application for the Main Round of Enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year is now available and must be completed on [ParentVUE](#). For families new to SFUSD, you can create an account without an activation code at [sfusd.edu/onlineapp](#). Step by step guides for families are available at [sfusd.edu/ola](#). Applications are due February 4, 2022.
 - [Special Education Services Offered in SFUSD Schools](#) - watch the special education workshop

- Enrolling Special Education Students - find answers to frequently asked questions here

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2021-2022 CAC Meetings