

SECTION 10

Agency Collaboration

Family Resource Network
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The San Joaquin County SELPA works collaboratively with many agencies to access and provide identified services for our students. Some are listed below along with their electronic address for more information.

San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services of San Joaquin County Department of Mental Health

The San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services (BHS) partners with other community entities to provide integrated, culturally and linguistically competent mental health and substance abuse services to meet the prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery needs of San Joaquin County residents. In partnership with local public and private agencies in San Joaquin County, BHS also works to provide intensive and comprehensive mental health services to help families keep their children and youth safe and healthy, in school and in the community. The San Joaquin County SELPA works in collaboration with BHS to facilitate access for special education students who qualify for services. <http://sjgov.org/MHS/>

California Children’s Services

California Children’s Services (CCS) is a state program for children with certain diseases or health problems. CCS will network with doctors and trained health care people who know how to care for children with special health care needs. The CCS program provides diagnostic and treatment services, medical case management, and physical and occupational therapy services to children under age 21 with CCS-eligible medical conditions. Examples of CCS-eligible conditions include, but are not limited to, chronic medical conditions such as cystic fibrosis, hemophilia, cerebral palsy, heart disease, cancer, traumatic injuries, and some infectious diseases. CCS also provides medical therapy services that are delivered at identified medical therapy units located on public school campuses. <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ccs/Pages/ProgramOverview.aspx>

Human Services Agency of the San Joaquin County of Department of Social Services

The Human Services Agency (HAS) provides State and federally-mandated public assistance and a variety of social service programs for the citizens of San Joaquin County. Programs include: California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), Foster Care, CalFresh, General Assistance, Medi-Cal, Adoptions, Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), Refugee Assistance, and the Mary Graham Children’s Shelter. The SELPA often collaborates with HSA to facilitate access to resources for students with special needs within their respective support system. <http://www.sjchsa.org/>

San Joaquin Probation Department

The San Joaquin Probation Department, Juvenile Division, works with over 50 public agencies and community based organizations to provide graduated levels of support for youth. The following youth services are offered: intake, informal probation, court probation, Juvenile Court Work Program, intensive probation, Gang Violence Intervention Program, Juvenile Camp, Out-of-Home Placement, Out-of-State Placement and secure detention. When a youngster is adjudged a ward of the Court and physical custody is awarded to the Probation Department for out-of-home placement, the placement unit matches the youngster's needs with an appropriate placement. These agencies may be foster parents, a group home, a wilderness program, a residential treatment program or an emancipation program. When a student under the care of the Probation Department is identified as having special education needs, the SELPA works in collaboration to facilitate access to public school and other resources.

<http://communityconnectionssjc.org/programs/details/sanjoaquincountyprobationdepartmentjuveniledivision/#.VQDIVU10yUk>

Valley Mountain Regional Center

Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) is a private, non-profit corporation that contracts with the State of California to provide diagnostic, evaluation, case management, and early intervention services to people with developmental disabilities. VMRC serves children and adults with developmental disabilities in San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne counties. Free diagnosis and assessment services are available to any person suspected of having a developmental disability, such as intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, or autism. To qualify for ongoing support and services, a person must be found to have a developmental disability which began before the age of 18 and is a substantial handicap. <http://www.vmrc.net/>

Diagnostic Center, Central California (Fresno Diagnostic Center)

Diagnostic Center, Central California (DCC) services are provided by expert, interdisciplinary teams of diagnostic professionals, including educational specialists, speech/language specialists, transition/secondary specialists, school psychologists, clinical psychologists, and a pediatrician who address the unique educational needs of Central California's most difficult-to-serve students enrolled in special education programs. The Diagnostic Center, Central California, is one of three regional assessment centers operated by the State Special Schools and Services Division of the California Department of Education. The Centers provide assessment, training, and technical assistance to all Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) in California. <http://www.dcc-cde.ca.gov/>

Family Resource Network

Family Resource Network (FRN) serves families raising children, ages birth to 22 years, with special needs. Our service area includes Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne Counties of California. There are no income limits or eligibility requirements. FRN serves families whose children have any type of special need, medical diagnosis, or learning difference. FRN also serves the

professionals who work with special needs children. FRN provides parents of students with special needs an opportunity to benefit from the support and understanding of other parents who have gone through similar experiences from a parent directed resource center. Parents can call for advice and support as well as access the resource library of books, tapes and articles.
<http://www.frcn.org/about.asp>