

## Special Education Resources



To be eligible for special education, a child must have a disability and must need special education services and related services.

To find out if your child is eligible for special education, contact your local school and make a special education referral for your child.

Decisions about special education eligibility must be made by a team that includes the child's parent. Parents are entitled to all evaluation reports and documentation about how eligibility decisions are made.

**Want more information?** Check out the links below:

- ✓ Special Education Coalition <http://www.wssec.org/>  
You can subscribe to the mailing list.
- ✓ Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) <http://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/Families/default.aspx>
- ✓ Special Education and the Law [http://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/pubdocs/special\\_education\\_law\\_guide.pdf](http://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/pubdocs/special_education_law_guide.pdf)
- ✓ U.S. Department of Education <http://idea.ed.gov/explore/home>
- ✓ Parents and Teachers Working Together [http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_curr/profdev/profdev124.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/profdev/profdev124.shtml)
- ✓ Parents are Vital to Education (PAVE) <http://www.wapave.org/programs.asp>
- ✓ Special Education Ombudsman <http://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/Ombudsman.aspx>





## Beyond **Special Education** - College Information

Doors to colleges are opening for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities in many different ways all over the country.

**"Why not college?"** Hearing ourselves say these words may sound awkward at first, but after awhile we will become accustomed to having college as a possibility. Let's figure out how to make it happen!

**More and more students with intellectual disabilities are attending college over the past decade.**

**Disability support services ensure equal access to educational programs and services to people with disabilities, and improve the campus community's understanding of disability issues.**

**Want more information?** Check out the links below:

- Think College <http://www.thinkcollege.net/>
- Office of Civil Rights: "Students with Disabilities Preparing for Postsecondary Education: Know Your Rights and Responsibilities" <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/transition.html>
- DO IT: Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology <http://www.washington.edu/doi/>