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/](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](http://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/Families/default.aspx)
- Parents are Vital to Education (PAVE) [http://www.wapave.org/programs.asp](http://www.wapave.org/programs.asp)
- Special Education Ombudsman [http://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/Ombudsman.aspx](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/](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](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/transition.html)