

What is IDEA?

In 1975, the United States Congress passed legislation providing for the education and protection of children with disabilities in public schools. The law must be examined and reauthorized as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act Amendments of 2004 (IDEA 04). It is also known as P.L. 108-446.

The law went into effect on July 1, 2004 and includes many changes designed to ensure that children with disabilities receive a high quality, free and appropriate education (FAPE).



<http://idea.ed.gov/>

On August 3, 2006 the final regulations implementing Part B of IDEA 2004 were made public.

Visit the OPC website:

www.OklahomaParentsCenter.org

Advocating for Children
with Disabilities to
Build a Better Future!

Mission Statement:

The Oklahoma Parents Center is dedicated to the equality of children and adults with disabilities. Our mission is to train, inform, educate and support parents, families, professionals and consumers in building partnerships that meet the needs of children and youth with the full range of disabilities ages birth through twenty-six.

About us:

The (OPC) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit agency that operates the statewide federally funded Parent Training and Information Center (PTI) in Oklahoma. We are funded in part by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE). However, the contents do not necessarily represent the policies of the funding agencies and endorsement should not be assumed.



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Creating Successful Change!*

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***All services are provided
at no cost
to Oklahoma parents and families!***



What is the Purpose of the OPC?

The purpose of the PTI project is to help Oklahoma parents and families:

- **Better understand** the nature of their children's disabilities and their children's educational, developmental, and transitional needs;
- **Communicate** effectively and work collaboratively with their child's educators and other professionals;
- **Participate** in decision-making processes, including those related to their child's Individualized Education Program (IEP);
- **Understand** about the range, type and quality of options, programs and services, technologies, practices and interventions that are based on scientifically-based research;
- **Understand** the resources available to assist their children at school and home;
- **Understand** their rights as provided under IDEA (the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004); and
- **Participate** in activities at the school level that benefit their children and to participate in parental involvement activities.

What Services do the OPC offer?

The OPC offers the following to parents, professionals, and consumers in Oklahoma:

- **Toll Free "Parent Info Line";**
- **Staff located throughout the state;**
- **Individual assistance with educational issues;**
- **Information and Referral; and**
- **Parent Education Workshops on a variety of subjects including:**
 - * Writing an Effective IEP (Individualized Education Program)
 - * Positive Behavior Supports
 - * Effective Communication Skills
 - * Transition to Preschool and Kindergarten Services
 - * Transition to Adulthood
 - * Basic Rights In Special Education
 - * 504 - ADA
 - * Bully Prevention and Solutions
 - * And others, as requested

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