



SCUSD SELPA Update

CAC General Meeting
March 21, 2023

Presented by:

Geovanni Linares, SELPA Director



Agenda

- Upcoming Professional Learning & Community Events
- ERMHS Questions

Upcoming Professional Learning & Community Events

SCUSD Office Hours

- To support local resolution, transparency, and communication, SCUSD special education leadership teams will be hosting office hours from 4-5:00pm on CAC general meeting dates via zoom. The goal will be to meet in breakout rooms to learn and address individualized concerns which may not be agendaized.
- Office Hour Dates:
 - Tuesday, April 18, 2023
 - Tuesday, May 16, 2023
- Zoom Login Information:
 - <https://scusd.zoom.us/j/89188427513>
Meeting ID: 891 8842 7513
Passcode: SCUSDCAC

State SELPA Legislative Day

- This year's event will be held in person at the Hilton Arden West in Sacramento on **May 3, 2023**.
- The 2023 Legislative Sharing Day will provide participants with information on proposed legislative bills and advocacy priorities, as well as the opportunity to hear from Heather Calomese, Director of Special Education for the California Department of Education.

Surrogate Parent Training

- SCUSD SELPA will be hosting a virtual training for interested surrogate parents on March 30, 2023 from 2-3:30pm.
 - Additional details to follow and will be posted on SELPA Professional Learning [webpage](#).

Warmline- SELPA Parent Trainings

- SCUSD SELPA and Warmline will be providing a series of workshops for families navigating the Special Education process.
 - **Fundamental Concepts of the IEP Process**
 - March 30, 2023
 - 10am-12pm
 - Registration [LINK](#)

Deaf Plus Webinars

- For Deaf+ Adults:
 - “Understanding the Lanterman Act: Access to Rights, Services, and Support for Deaf Plus People”
 - Monday, March 27, 2023 from 10:30am -12pm
- For Mental Health Providers serving Deaf+ Patients:
 - ”How to provide effective mental health services for Deaf+ Patients”
 - Monday, March 27, 2023 from 3pm- 4:30pm
- For Families and Caregivers of Deaf+ Individuals:
 - “Understanding the Lanterman Act and Communication Tips for Deaf+ People”
 - Thursday, March 30, 2023 from 9:30-11am
- <https://selpa.scusd.edu/cac-resources>

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Conference

"Release the Past! Embrace the Future Through ADR"

Conference focused on learning about and from model programs and practices from the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution. Presentations will include the concepts and procedures for developing effective dispute prevention and alternative dispute resolution systems.

- Thank you to Renee for joining the team!

ERMHS Questions

ERMHS Questions

- Describe the difference between Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) from the counseling or mental health services offered through the Student Support Services?
 - Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) describe a range of school-based services provided to and on behalf of a student **with an Individualized Education Program (IEP)**. If deemed necessary following a targeted assessment, the purpose of these services is to allow a student with social-emotional/ mental health needs to access and benefit from his or her education.ERMHS are intended to specifically support social-emotional/ mental health skills required for the student to access the educational environment.

ERMHS Questions

- Describe the difference between Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) from the counseling or mental health services offered through the Student Support Services?
 - [Student Support Services](#) provide a spectrum of integrated support that spans the areas of youth development, family services, academic enrichment, health and mental health. Targeted primarily to low-achieving students, SSC services address critical student needs that pose barriers to learning.
 - Focus of mental health supports from Student Support Services is on
 - Prevention
 - Early Intervention

ERMHS Questions

- Student Support Services can include:
 - Student Services
 - Advocacy
 - School Supplies
 - Short-term counseling services
 - Family Services
 - Community linkages
 - Parent classes
 - School-wide Services
 - Suicide Risk Assessments
 - Attendance Support
 - Training/ Presentations

ERMHS Questions

- What are the specific ERMHS services provided by the District?
- When, where, and how often are they provided?
 - Currently: ERMHS providers are providing the following services:
 - Individual Counseling: **(283 IEPs)**
 - Counseling & Guidance (Group): **(307 IEPs)**
 - Parent Counseling & Training: **(4 IEPs)**
 - Social Work Services: **(46 IEPs)**
 - Psychological Services: **(15 IEPs)**
 - Available at all school sites

ERMHS Questions

- What is the eligibility criteria for Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS)?
 - Assembly Bill (AB) 114 (2011), indicates that eligibility for ERMHS is not contingent on a particular disabling condition and should be determined based on an assessment that reveals an individualized need for the service.
 - ERMHS services may be recommended if assessment results indicate social-emotional/mental health needs which impede the student's ability to access his or her educational program to a degree requiring educationally related mental health services.

ERMHS Questions

- How are teams prepared to proactively assess for and offer ERMHS?
 - How do parents know that they can ask their IEP Team for the services?
 - If a student doesn't qualify for ERMHS, can different mental health supports still be included as a service in a child's IEP?
 - Integrated support model
 - Services on IEPs should be based on an assessment that identifies need and service recommendation.

ERMHS Questions

- How do Case Managers learn how to assess for and offer ERMHS and other mental health services?
 - Case managers would consult with other site support staff
 - School Psychologist
 - Social Worker
 - BCBA
 - PS
 - ATL
 - Can complete ERMHS screening referral in SEIS.

THANK YOU