

TASK

TASK Los Angeles
(626) 300-1043

Helping families navigate:

▲ Special education

▲ Disability services

▲ Assistive technology



TASK is a nonprofit organization serving:

Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside,
San Diego, Orange & Imperial Counties

*We are a Parent Training and Information Center
and a Family Empowerment Center*

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Mission Statement

TASK educates and empowers people with disabilities and their families.

TASK Disclaimer

TASK staff does not advise parents as to the nature of a child's disability or needs, nor do we recommend placements or therapies.

Parent Training and Information Center

CA Parent Training and Information (PTI) Centers
Administrative Offices and Counties Served - 2020-2025



- **Parent Training and Information Center (PTI) are funded by the U.S. Department of Education.**
- **Serve families of children and young adults from birth to age 26 with all disabilities: physical, cognitive, emotional and learning.**
- **Obtain appropriate education and services for their children with disabilities**
- **Work to improve education results for all children**
- **PTI's train and inform parents and professionals on a variety of topics**
- **Resolve problems between families and schools or other agencies**
- **Connect children with disabilities to community resources that address their needs**

Family Support Specialist Services

- Phone intake
- Individualized consultation
 - ✓ Assessment and Document Review
 - ❖ IEP (School District)
 - ❖ IFSP (Early Start 0-3 Part C – Regional Center)
 - ❖ IPP (Lanterman Act – Regional Center)
- Educational workshops
- Resource and referral

Focus Areas

- Special Education
- IEPs
- Regional center
- Section 504
- Assessment
- 0-3 Early Intervention Services
- Transition to adulthood
- Disability services

TASK Workshops

Early Intervention and Transition Services at Age 3

Navigating IEPs

Assessment Process

Transition to Adult Services

Section 504

**All TASK Los Angeles workshops are presented simultaneously in English and Spanish*

Referring Pathways

One Degree Closed-Loop Referrals

- Clinics refer patients directly to TASK using One Degree Referral system
- TASK will acknowledge and update referral
- Communication enhanced between Clinics and TASK to promote equity and expand/enhance accessibility of services

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Referral

Opportunities

- Provide assistance with special education for children with disabilities
- Provide help completing and signing an Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- Provide assistance navigating the IEP process to obtain appropriate services for children with goals and objectives to thrive within their educational setting
- TASK provides parents their regional center contact information to initiate the eligibility process for Early Start / intervention services birth to age 3 with the regional center
 - ❑ Provides support with letter writing, identifies the regional center that serves the patient, and helps the parent gather pertinent information needed by regional center to determine eligibility.
 - ❑ TASK provides support through the Early Start IFSP process and continues support to child and parent through the Lanterman Act above age 3.

Case Scenario Question

- **Question:** How can we ensure IEP letters are appropriately followed up and plans are enacted by schools?
- **Answer:** Through the One Degree Referral platform, TASK will acknowledge receipt of the referral, update when contact has been made with the parent, and update briefly on services parent is being supported.
- With the school districts, the parent is supported with letter writing which includes identifying appropriate staff person to send the letter to for services with the school districts for eligibility under IDEA, timelines, and other services that may be needed.
- With the regional centers, the parent is supported with letter writing which includes identifying appropriate person to send the letter to begin the eligibility with regional center, timelines, and other services that may be needed.
- **Ongoing support continues with parent until all concerns are addressed including new concerns and new issues as they occur.**

- **Question:** Do you have a one-page list of appropriate referrals to TASK?
- **Answer:** Please access our TASK Los Angeles Informational flyer that lists our services with link and/or QR below:

- <https://bit.ly/3cfCYUE>

- QR Code:



TASK Informational Flyer



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About TASK

TASK is a nonprofit Parent Training and Information Center that educates and empowers people with disabilities and their families. We help families understand the special education process. We promote cooperation between families and schools. In our TECH Centers, we help families explore assistive technology options for learning, communicating and living their best lives.

Focus Areas

Need help navigating the special education process or related services? TASK can help!

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| • Special Education | • Regional center |
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| • Assessment | • Transition to adulthood |
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Services

TASK serves ages 0-26. We offer:

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| • Telephone support | • IEP consultations | • Workshops |
| • Resources and referrals | • Community outreach | |

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TASK Outcomes

- Parents become knowledgeable to make decisions in the IEP/IFSP/IPP process
- Parents build a working relationship with IEP School District team / Regional Center team
- Parents learn through telephone support, TASK workshops, and with training and information from TASK
- Parents learn to positively collaborate with school district, regional center, and other service provider / agency

Parents Report:

- Children received appropriate services
- Families were able to make informed decisions
- Collaboration enhanced
- Parents became more knowledgeable

Tips and Pointers

- TASK is a Parent Training Center. We are parents of children with disabilities who have first hand knowledge to provide information, specialized training, and parent-to-parent support.
- TASK services provide 1:1 support to parents by telephone and by zoom to answer questions regarding the School Districts and Regional Centers.
- TASK Family Support Specialist are knowledgeable in all laws under the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Regional Centers Part C (Early Start / Intervention, birth to age 3), and the Lanterman Act (age 3 and over).
- TASK can also answer questions for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments for children with disabilities, Department of Rehabilitation, referrals, and other community resources.

Thank you!

Call TASK Los Angeles for support!

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Please email Diana Huerta, dianah@taskca.org
for a copy of today's presentation and agency flyers.

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