



Special Education

Disability Services

Assistive Technology

TASK is Southern California's federally funded Parent Training and Information Center and a California Family Empowerment Center serving designated communities in Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

TASK provides free education, individualized family support, guidance, and resources to help families navigate special education, disability services, and assistive technology.



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Mission Statement

TASK educates and empowers
people with disabilities and
their families.

Our Role

TASK helps families build the knowledge, preparation, communication skills, and confidence needed to:

- Understand education and disability-service systems
- Participate meaningfully in meetings and decision-making
- Understand available rights, services, supports, resources, and options
- Identify questions and areas needing clarification
- Communicate priorities and concerns effectively
- Build collaborative relationships with schools, agencies, and service providers

Our goal is informed family participation and productive communication among everyone supporting the individual.

Where TASK Fits

TASK is a **family education and information resource** that works alongside, rather than in place of:

- Healthcare and disability-service providers
- Schools, school districts/Local Educational Agencies (LEAs), and Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPAAs)
- Regional Centers
- Community-based organizations
- Other professional service providers

TASK's Role & Scope

TASK Provides:

- Education and information
- Peer-to-peer guidance
- Individualized family support
- Document review with families
- Meeting preparation
- Communication support
- Information about rights, processes, resources, options, and possible next steps

TASK Does Not:

- Provide legal advice or representation
- Attend or represent families during IEP meetings
- Diagnose disabilities
- Conduct educational assessments
- Determine eligibility, placement, services, or educational need
- Recommend a specific legal strategy, placement, therapy, or provider
- Make decisions for families or assume the professional responsibilities of schools, agencies, healthcare providers, attorneys, or other service providers.

TASK Service Area & Office Locations

Counties We Serve

- Imperial
- Los Angeles
- Orange
- Riverside
- San Bernardino
- San Diego

Office Locations

Los Angeles County: Alhambra

Orange County: Brea

Riverside County: Riverside

San Diego & Imperial: Spring Valley



TASK: Your Parent Training & Family Empowerment Center

PTI (Parent Training & Information Center)

- Serves families from birth through age 26
- Federally funded under IDEA Part D
- Training, information, peer support, and individualized assistance
- Strengthens collaboration among families, schools, and agencies
- All services are provided at no cost to families

FEC (Family Empowerment Center)

- Serves families of children and young adults with disabilities ages 3-22
- Funded by the California Department of Education, Special Education Division
- Specialized training, peer-to-peer support, information, and referral services
- Supports effective communication, positive family-professional relationships, and ADR
- All services are provided at no cost to families

Both models center on family education, meaningful participation, access to information, and collaboration with education and service systems.

Family Support Specialist Services



Family Support by Phone, Online, or In Person



Individualized Family Consultations

- IEP, 504 Plan, Assessment & Other Relevant Document Review
- Meeting Preparation
- Letter-Writing & Communication Support



Educational Workshops & Webinars



Information, Resources, & Options

Individualized Support in Practice

Understanding Information: Review IEPs, 504 Plans, and assessment reports; explain findings, services, and options

Preparing for Meetings: Identify priorities, organize information, and prepare questions

Supporting Communication: Assist with written requests, letters, and follow-up communication

Language Access: Multilingual staff support; additional interpretation and translation services

TASK Areas of Support



Special Education



**Individualized Education
Program (IEP)**



**Regional Center
Services & Navigation**



Section 504



**Assessment
Process**



**Early Intervention &
Transition at Age 3**



**Transition to
Adulthood &
Postsecondary Services**



**Alternative Dispute
Resolution (ADR)**



**Assistive Technology &
Communication**



**Information, Resources
& Referrals**

Workshop Topics

**Early Start to the
IEP at Age 3**

Navigating IEPs

**IEP Effective
Communication**

**Assessment
Process**

**Understanding the
ITP & Adult Services**

Section 504

**Alternative Dispute
Resolution (ADR)**

**Procedural
Safeguards &
Parent Rights**

**Assistive
Technology (AT)**

Other Topics



Tech Center Services



Assistive Technology Webinars



Individualized Online Lab Appointments

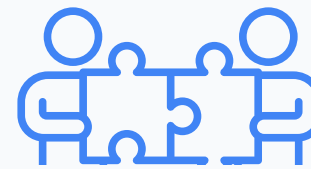


Assistive Technology Consultations

AAC

Augmentative and Alternative Communication Services

- **Project Communicate**
(Free One-Hour AAC Consultation)
- **Let's Talk AAC**
(Training Series)



TECH Connection (Online)

- **Social / Life Skills Group ages 14+**



Information and Resources

All Services Online, By Appointment: (714) 533-8275

When a Referral to TASK May Be Helpful

Professionals may consider referring a family to TASK when they:

- Have questions about the IEP process, Section 504, assessments, or special education eligibility.
- Need help understanding an IEP, assessment report, or other educational documents.
- Want guidance preparing for an IEP meeting or communicating concerns with their school team.
- Have questions about accessing school-based supports following a developmental or medical diagnosis.
- Need information about Regional Center services, early intervention, or transition planning.
- Would benefit from assistive technology or Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) information and resources.
- Need educational information, workshops, or individualized support in their preferred language.

Families do not need an existing IEP or a disagreement with their school to access TASK's free services.

Partnering with TASK

Professionals and community partners can:

- Share TASK workshops, services, and educational resources with families.
- Invite TASK to provide parent education, staff training, or community presentations.
- Collaborate on workshops, support groups, resource fairs, and outreach events.
- Identify recurring family needs and develop targeted educational opportunities.
- Strengthen connections between healthcare, education, disability services, and community organizations.

Together, we can improve family access to information, resources, and support across service systems.

Referral Pathways & Ways Families Connect with TASK



1. Family Contacts TASK Directly

Families may contact TASK directly at any time for information, guidance, or support.

Phone:
626-300-1043



2. Email TASK

Families or professionals may contact TASK for service information, workshop information, or general inquiries.

Email:
AlhambraOffice@taskca.org



3. Professional Referral with Family Consent

With the parent or guardian's knowledge and consent, professionals may share:

- Parent/guardian name
- Preferred phone number or email
- Preferred language
- General area of support requested

TASK will then contact the family directly.



4. Online Referral or Service Request

For professionals within the ACEs LA Network of Care, One Degree is the preferred referral portal.

Families may also submit requests at www.taskca.org/contact-us/#form.

TASK will follow up with the family directly.

A professional referral is one pathway to TASK; families may also connect with us directly at any time.

Stay Connected with TASK

Stay connected with TASK for family support, education, professional learning, community resources, and partnership opportunities.



Learn more about TASK services:
www.taskca.org



View upcoming family and
professional workshops:
www.taskca.org/workshops



Access recorded training videos:
www.taskca.org/video-library



Explore community events
and outreach:
www.taskca.org/community-events



Follow TASK on Facebook:
facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064669152247

Scan the QR code to access TASK's family-friendly service flyer to share with families you serve.



- English and Spanish included
- Additional languages available upon request.



Questions, Referrals, or Partnership Opportunities? Let's Connect!

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