

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION

## FREE OR REDUCED COST SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVOCATES

The Office of Administrative Hearings, also referred to as OAH, is required to maintain a list of free or low cost advocates and to make that list available to the public. The advocates listed in the tables below self-certify that they provide services at a low cost or free to their clients. You should contact the individual advocate and determine what free or low cost services they provide. OAH does not represent that the individuals or law organizations placed on this list offer free or low cost services. If you choose to use this list it is important that you contact the attorneys to discuss their fees.

**Please be advised: On September 28, 2017, the California Attorney General's Office issued an opinion addressing the participation of advocates in special education proceedings before the Office of Administrative Hearings. You are encouraged to read the opinion if you are considering retaining the services of an advocate. The opinion can be found at:**

**[https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/opinions/pdfs/14-101\\_2.pdf](https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/opinions/pdfs/14-101_2.pdf)**

### HOW TO USE THIS LIST

The advocates and organizations listed below are grouped by the geographic areas of California that the advocates or the organizations serve.

To begin, first identify the geographic area of California where your student's school district is located. Then find the area below. The geographic areas of practice are listed alphabetically and appear in the following order: All California, Northern

California, and Southern California. Under each geographic area the attorneys and organizations are listed alphabetically.

In determining which advocates or organizations to contact, you may want to consider the location of the advocate or the organization, or the age groups for which that advocate or organization provides services. This information is provided in the columns next to the attorney or organization's name for your convenience.

## ALL CALIFORNIA

Advocate or Organization	Location of Offices and Contact Information	Age Group for which Services are Provided
Bailey, Brad, M.A. Education Education Advocate	1241 Knollwood Drive, #32 Cambria, CA 93428 Email: <a href="mailto:edadvocate@hotmail.com">edadvocate@hotmail.com</a> Website: Education Advocacy of the Central Coast Phone: 805-909-7548	All Age Groups
Banayan, Briana Law Offices of Briana Banayan	12439 West Magnolia Boulevard #526 Los Angeles, CA 91607 Email: <a href="mailto:Briana@BrianaBanayan.com">Briana@BrianaBanayan.com</a> Website: <a href="https://www.LosAngelesIEPhelp.com">https://www.LosAngelesIEPhelp.com</a> Phone: 323-389-5454 Fax: 310-388-1518	All Age Groups
Bergman APC Contact: Penelope Bergman	880 Apollo Street, Suite 334 El Segundo, CA 90245 Email: <a href="mailto:info@bergmanapc.com">info@bergmanapc.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.bergmanapc.com">www.bergmanapc.com</a> Phone: 310-893-6200 Fax: 310-988-2930	All Age Groups

## ALL CALIFORNIA - CONTINUED

Advocate or Organization	Location of Offices and Contact Information	Age Group for which Services are Provided
Closson, Robert Dr. The Closson Group	4395 Fair Oaks Boulevard Sacramento, CA 95864 Website: <a href="http://www.stanfordiep.com">www.stanfordiep.com</a> Email: <a href="mailto:rcsmd@softcom.net">rcsmd@softcom.net</a> Phone: 209-712-5070	Pre-School, Elementary, and Junior/Senior High School
Peitso, Mary	26150 South Carmel Hills Drive Carmel, CA 93923 Email: <a href="mailto:spedstrategies101@gmail.com">spedstrategies101@gmail.com</a> Phone: 831-920-8781	All Age Groups
Poeschl, David	2674 E. Main Street, #410 Ventura, CA 93003 Email: <a href="mailto:davidpoeschl@me.com">davidpoeschl@me.com</a> Website: <a href="https://davidpoeschl.wixsite.com/davidpoeschlspeciale">https://davidpoeschl.wixsite.com/davidpoeschlspeciale</a> Phone: 510-833-0391	Elementary School; Junior High/High School
SER, Jobs for Progress San Joaquin Valley Contact: Dr. Alfonso Padrin, Director	267 North Fulton Fresno, CA 93701 Email: <a href="mailto:alfonso@sercalifornia.org">alfonso@sercalifornia.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.sercalifornia.org">www.sercalifornia.org</a> Phone: 559-513-1329 Fax: 559-803-6154	Pre-School; Elementary School; Junior High/High School
Tran, Thao, Dr.	1093 11 <sup>th</sup> Street Reedley, CA 93654 Email: <a href="mailto:thao2019@mail.fresnostate.edu">thao2019@mail.fresnostate.edu</a> Website: <a href="https://www.uc-lend.ucla.edu/home/">https://www.uc-lend.ucla.edu/home/</a> Phone: 916-573-0622	Pre-School; Elementary School

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Advocate or Organization	Location of Offices and Contact Information	Age Group for which Services are Provided
Sacramento Autistic Spectrum and Special Needs Alliance Contact: Dave Gaines, CEO	P.O. Box 254788 Sacramento, CA 95865-4788 Email: <a href="mailto:dgaines@sassna.org">dgaines@sassna.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.sassna.org">www.sassna.org</a> Phone: 916-877-5220	All Age Groups

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Attorney or Organization	Location of Offices and Contact Information	Age Group for which Services are Provided
A2Z Educational Advocates Contact: N Jane DuBovy, Attorney/Owner	881 Alma Real Drive, Suite 309 Pacific Palisades, CA 90272 Email: <a href="mailto:njdubovy@a2zedad.com">njdubovy@a2zedad.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.a2zedad.com">www.a2zedad.com</a> Phone: 310-573-1430 Fax: 310-573-1425	Pre-School; Elementary School; Junior High/High School
Attwood, Peter	1350 San Bernardino Road, Space 174 Upland, CA 91786 Email: <a href="mailto:peter.attwood@hotmail.com">peter.attwood@hotmail.com</a> Phone: 951-897-1721	All Age Groups
Autism Support Community Contact: Kristianna Moralls, Executive Director	3210 Menlo Drive Glendale, CA 91208 Email: <a href="mailto:kmoralls@autismsupportcommunity.org">kmoralls@autismsupportcommunity.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.autismsupportcommunity.org">www.autismsupportcommunity.org</a> Phone: 818-692-1068	All Age Groups

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Attorney or Organization	Location of Offices and Contact Information	Age Group for which Services are Provided
Hertog, Allison, J.D., M.A. IEP Solutions, LLC	2633 Lincoln Blvd., Suite 808 Santa Monica, CA 90405 Email: <a href="mailto:Allison@IEPsolutions.guru">Allison@IEPsolutions.guru</a> Website: <a href="https://www.IEPsolutions.guru">https://www.IEPsolutions.guru</a> Phone: 310-266-8600 Fax: 786-343-3535	Pre-School; Elementary School; Junior High/High School
Learning Rights Law Center Education Rights Clinic Contact: Janeen Steel, Attorney – Executive Director and Founder	1625 West Olympic Blvd., Suite 500 Los Angeles, CA 90015 Email: <a href="mailto:info@learningrights.org">info@learningrights.org</a> Website: <a href="https://www.learningrights.org/">https://www.learningrights.org/</a> Phone: 213-623-4794 Fax: 213-489-4033	All Age Groups
Ludin, Michael Child Advocate	Email: <a href="mailto:michaelludin@me.com">michaelludin@me.com</a> Phone: 310-420-8887 Fax: 310-507-0200	All Age Groups
Special Education Consultants, Advocates & Associates Contact: Brian Allen & Nicole Allen	15315 Newmont Avenue Lancaster, CA 93535 Email: <a href="mailto:advocate_dude@yahoo.com">advocate_dude@yahoo.com</a> Phone: 661-480-5744 Fax: 661-480-5744	All Age Groups