



## El Dorado County SELPA

# Family Newsletter



#### New Family Empowerment Center



We're excited to share a new resource for you! The California Department of Education (CDE), in partnership with Seeds of Partnership, has launched the Family Empowerment Center (FEC) website. This easy-to-use site helps parents find support, connect with resources, and navigate special education with confidence. Check it out today!

#### IEP Tip Sheet



Want to learn more about your child's IEP and how it's created? This tip sheet breaks down the key elements of an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and the development process to help you navigate it with confidence.

### How to Help Your Child Build Strengths From Challenges



Kids who learn and think differently often face challenges in school and social situations. But overcoming these struggles builds emotional strength, helping them navigate life's ups and downs. Learn how to support their growth—check out this resource and more at Understood.org.

## What to expect in this newsletter:

Resources for Families

Local Events

Self-Care Tips

Learn more about the EDCOE SELPA



New Website





### Self Care Stop

March is National Reading Month in honor of Dr. Seuss, making it the perfect time to nourish your mind and well-being. It's a great opportunity to practice self-care while embracing the joy of reading. Here are three simple tips to get started:

- Read Daily Set aside 20 minutes to read something you enjoy to relax and spark imagination.
- Get Fresh Air Take a short walk outside to refresh your mind and boost creativity.
- Limit Screens Swap your phone for a book before bed to improve sleep and unwind.

Taking small steps this month can lead to a healthier, more balanced you!

#### Free Local Trainings



#### New Diagnosis Family Support Group

Thursday, March 13th | 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Online

This is a monthly group, hosted by Warmline Family Resource Center with a new topic each session. There's no commitment to attend each session, but here you will find a warm, safe fellowship of families who are on the same journey.

Please scan the QR code to register and learn more about this free event.





# Love and Literacy For Deaf and Hard of Hearing Families

Saturday, March 15th | 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

4044 North Freeway Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95834

Join LEAD-K Family Services for Love and Literacy on Saturday, March 15, from 10 AM – 2 PM! Enjoy a fun-filled day of storytelling, activities, food, and free books. This free event is open to families of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children don't miss out!

Please scan the QR code to register and learn more about this free event.



#### Children's Museum

2701 Prospect Park Rancho Cordova, CA 95670



#### Crocker Art Museum

216 O Street Sacramento, CA 95814





#### **Shamrock Shimmy**

Children with special needs, along with their families and friends, are warmly invited to partake in a delightful evening of joyous dancing and enchanting museum play on March 15, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Join us for the whimsical Shamrock Shimmy! Kindly note that registration is required.



#### **Art on the Spectrum**

Children on the autism spectrum or with developmental differences can enjoy a special morning with siblings and caregivers. Before public hours, drop in for art explorations in a supportive space with social narratives, noise-canceling headphones, and a quiet area. Arrive anytime during this drop-in program.



Are we missing something fun? Do you know of an upcoming disability-friendly event? Call (530) 295-2470 and let us know so we can include it in a future newsletter!





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