The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is the parent advisory committee for Napa County special education. The purpose of the CAC is to provide a forum for open communication and feedback between parents, special education administrators and local agencies. All parents of students in Napa County schools who receive special education services or who have a 504, IEP and/or a disability are welcome to get involved.

CAC Monthly Business Meetings
Comprised of parents, district and county special education administrators and community liaisons, these meetings provide special education initiative updates from each district and the SELPA, information from community organizations, and give parents an opportunity to listen, engage and provide feedback. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Advocacy
We work to make sure parent voices are heard, and partner with the SELPA, Napa County School Districts, County and State Agencies and more to ensure that the needs of special education students and students with disabilities are being served.

Parent Trainings & Workshops
Trainings are held on topics applicable to parents with special needs. Often run by the SELPA, district staff, topic experts or local agencies - past topics have included navigating the IEP process, helping students navigate mental health issues, and other relevant topics.

Annual Inclusion Awards
Each year the Napa County SELPA and the CAC recognize teachers, administrators, students, staff and community members who have gone above and beyond in creating an inclusive environment for students with disabilities. These awards are paired with a student creativity challenge.

Parent Resources
The Napa County CAC offers access to parent resources - from learning manuals and how-to's, to parent support services and info sessions. Many links can be found on the Napa SELPA website, or by contacting the SELPA office. ParentsCAN is an additional Napa County agency that supports families and has resources.
1. Learn about special education initiatives, services and resources
2. Provide feedback and impact decision-making
3. Strengthen communications and special education services
4. Join a group of special education parents
5. Make a difference for all students

WHAT IS A SELPA?
(Special Education Local Plan Area)

In California, school regions are organized into Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPAs) that provides services to meet the needs of special education students. Each SELPA must have an agency that ensures every eligible child receives appropriate services. In Napa County it is the Napa County Office of Education.

All SELPAs have the same basic goal: To deliver quality special education programs and services to the students with disabilities in the most effective, efficient, and cost-effective manner practical.

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There are great parent resources available on the SELPA WEBSITE: with links to local disability advocacy agencies, IEP info, trainings and more.