

**STUDENT IDENTIFICATION –  
RECORDS – SERVICES – MISC.  
SRP****Adopted:****12/3/03****Revised:***Licensed Children's Institutions  
and Foster Homes*

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The Tulare County/District Special Education Local Plan Area shall provide appropriate education services to individuals with exceptional needs residing in licensed children's institutions and foster homes located within the boundaries of Tulare County.

The SELPA shall maintain a current list of licensed children's institutions located within Tulare County and shall send an updated list to each district within the SELPA annually.

The SELPA shall notify the director of each licensed children's institution within Tulare County of the appropriate person in each district to contact regarding individuals with exceptional needs residing in licensed children's institutions within Tulare County.

***Definitions***

A "licensed children's institution" means a residential facility that is licensed by the state, or other public agency having delegated authority to contract with the State of California to license, to provide non-medical care to children, including, but not limited to, individuals with exceptional needs. This includes a group home as defined by subdivision (g) of Section 80001 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, but does not include:

- A juvenile court school, juvenile hall, juvenile home, day center, juvenile ranch, or juvenile camp
- A county community school program
- Any special education programs provided pursuant to EC 56150
- Charter schools
- Any other public agency

A "foster family home" means a family residence that is licensed by the State of California, or other public agency having delegated authority by contract with the State of California to license, to provide 24-hour nonmedical care and

supervision for not more than six foster children, including, but not limited to, individuals with exceptional needs. This includes small family homes.

***Referral***

Each court, regional center for the developmentally disabled or public agency that refers or places children in licensed children’s institutions shall report to the Tulare County/District SELPA Administrator any referral or admission of a child who is potentially eligible for special education.

Special education services for individuals with exceptional needs residing in licensed children’s institutions and foster homes shall be the responsibility of the district in which the licensed children’s institution or foster home is located in Tulare County.

***Program Placement***

In providing appropriate programs to individuals with exceptional needs residing in licensed children’s institutions within the SELPA, the district in which the licensed children’s institution is located shall first consider services in programs operated within the district or SELPA.

If there are no appropriate programs available within the district or SELPA, special education and related services shall be provided by contract with a nonpublic, nonsectarian school in accordance to SELPA Policy # 7350 and EC 56366.