

SELPA Goals

The goal of the Tulare County/District SELPA is to identify all children at the earliest possible age for placement in programs designed to help them meet their unique needs so that they will be able to function in or to return to the general public school classroom at the earliest possible time. It is believed that by recognizing potential areas of exceptionality at an early age, it will be possible to offer programs that meet the individual needs of students and allow the individual to function in the least restrictive environment.

Further goals of the Tulare County/District SELPA are:

1. To develop instructional plans according to individual student's learning needs and to return the student to the mainstream of education whenever possible.
2. To inform the general education community of the concepts regarding the Local Plan for Special Education and to solicit input from school staff, parents, students and community agencies regarding the development of the Tulare County Local Plan for Special Education.
3. To place students in the least restrictive environment.
4. To practice nondiscriminatory procedures in assessment and placement of all students.
5. To implement strategies for utilizing the services of nonpublic agencies and the State Residential Schools.
6. To enable all districts to work together within Tulare County providing access to services for all students with exceptional needs.