

## **Surrogate Parents**

In order to protect the rights of students with disabilities, local districts shall appoint a surrogate parent to represent a student with disabilities whenever:

- ? the parents of the student are not known,
- ? the district cannot, after reasonable efforts, locate the parents,
- ? the student is a ward of the state, the rights of the parent to make educational decisions has been limited or terminated and the court has not appointed a person to represent the student in educational matters OR
- ? the child is an unaccompanied homeless youth as defined in section 725(6) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

The SELPA shall develop procedures for recruiting and training adults to serve as surrogate parents.

### *Legal Reference:*

#### CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE

EC 56028

EC 56050

EC 56055

GC Chapter 26.5 Section 7570-7588

GC Chapter 26.5 Section 7579.5

GC Chapter 26.5 Section 7579.6

#### FEDERAL STATUTE

20 USC 1414-1482

20 USC 1415

42 USC 11434a

#### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

34 CFR 300.30

34 CFR 300.519