

## **MEMBER DISTRICTS**

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### **William S. Hart Union High School District**

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## **2010-2011 CAC Officers**

Co-Chair: Maria Gutierrez  
Co-Chair: Victoria Berrey  
Co-Chair: Cindy Kozlowski  
Secretary: Michelle Heid

## **SCV SELPA**

Margaret Cherene, Director  
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## **Community Partners**

### **Family Focus Resource and Empowerment Center**

Victoria Berrey and Kim Foster  
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### **North Los Angeles County Regional Center**

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# **Special Education Community Advisory Committee CAC**

## **Who We Are**

The Santa Clarita Valley CAC is composed of volunteer parents, educators, and other interested community members who want to make a difference in the education of all children.

Your CAC seeks to join together parents, educators, lawmakers, service providers and others in our community with the goal of improving and protecting the education of our children with special needs.

Your CAC is here to inform, empower, and support you.

We invite you to join us in our quest to help others in our community.

## **Philosophy**

The Special Education CAC believes that every child has a right to fulfill their potential with dignity, hope and opportunity. The CAC is committed to ensuring:

- Quality education for all children
- Collaboration between parents and schools
- Empowering parents through education and advocacy
- Access to resources and information

## 2010-2011 Meetings Free Parent Workshop Schedule

**Monday, August 23, 2010**  
6:00 p.m. Business Planning Meeting

**Monday, September 27, 2010**  
6:00 p.m. Business Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Parent Workshop

"Stress Management for Parents of Children with Special Needs"

**Monday, October 18, 2010**  
6:00 p.m. Business Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Parent Workshop  
"Puberty Happens Sooner Than You Think"

**Monday, February 7, 2011**  
6:00 p.m. Business Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Parent Workshop  
"How the State Budget Effects Your District"

**Monday, March 21, 2011**  
6:00 p.m. Business Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Parent Workshop  
"Transition at Every Age and Stage"

**Monday, April 18, 2011**  
6:00 p.m. FFREC presents:  
**Summer Activities Fair**

**Monday, May 16, 2011**  
6:00 p.m. Business Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Parent Workshop  
"Parent-to-Parent: Strategies for Increasing Skills at Home"

(Workshop topics subject to change)

### MEETING LOCATION

Bridgeport Elementary School  
23670 Newhall Ranch Road  
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

### CHILD CARE AND INTERPRETER SERVICES

Please call the SELPA office to request  
childcare and interpreter services.

**661-294-5398**

## BENEFITS OF BEING INVOLVED

The CAC can give you the knowledge and skills necessary to become more comfortable in your role as a partner in the education process for your child. The CAC serves as a way to gain, as well as share knowledge and help develop the best possible programs for our students.

### THROUGH CAC PARENTS CAN...

- Learn about school and community resources related to special education.
- Receive training and skill building through workshops.
- Discuss ideas and concerns with people who will listen, understand and respond.
- Collaborate and network with other parents.
- Have the opportunity for personal growth and leadership development.
- Receive information related to your child's disability.
- Engage in effective advocacy for children with special needs.

### HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

- Attend a CAC meeting. All meetings are open to the public.
- Apply to become a CAC member representing your child's school district.
- Join one of the CAC subcommittees.
- Help plan and organize CAC parent workshops.