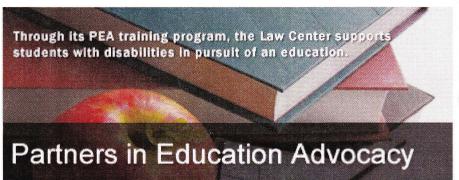


UNDERSTANDING HOW TO LOCATE RESOURCES WITH EASE

- Check out Partners in Education Advocacy (PEA) website
- Stay current on "News"
- Keep track of "Coming Events"
- Use "Resources" section to locate federal and state government and private resources on the internet



Assistance while sailing new seas



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Oklahoma Disability Law Center, Inc. (ODLC) is the federally funded protection and advocacy system for Oklahomans with disabilities. Over 90,000 students in Oklahoma are eligible for special education services.

ODLC designed and implemented a training program known as "Partners in Education Advocacy." Graduates are often called "PEA Pods," because they return to their urban and rural communities to provide assistance to parents and students.

The training program for lay advocates was initiated by ODLC in 2001. Participants are required to complete at least 130 hours of coursework over a period of eight months. A few participants have completed an internship with an experienced special education attorney for one year. The course includes ethics, a variety of state and federal statutes, testing and evaluation, assistive technology, cultural competence, and other educational subjects. ODLC attorneys and outside experts form the faculty for the training program.

The goal of the program is to enable lay advocates to (1) assist inidvidual families in the development of IEP's and 504 Plans, (2) make public presentations on educational issues, including parent's rights, and (3) work collectively to address systemic educational issues which are not fully addressed by the existing educational system.



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New Resource: Legal Rights of Children with Epilepsy in School & Child Care: An Advocate's Manual

Another Resource: Legal Rights of Students with Diabetes

Governor signs amendment to transfer statute; read memo

Check out WebEx Training Program materials from law center. Go to "Coming Events" section of this website for more information.

Law center opposes legislatively-created restriction placed on children with mental illness who live in the community in a therapeutic foster home, read memo

SPLC Launches 'School to Prison Reform Project' to Help At-Risk Children Get Special Education Services,