

SONOMA COUNTY SELPA**LEA RESPONSIBILITY FOR LICENSED CHILDREN'S INSTITUTION AND FOSTER FAMILY HOME STUDENTS**

The Sonoma County Office of Education will act as the Local Education Agency and assume responsibility for search and serve requirements of IDEA for special education students placed in Licensed Children's Institutions (LCIs) and foster family homes by other public agencies, (e.g., Department of Human Services, including Department of Probation, Department of Drug and Alcohol, or Regional Center) and requiring a nonpublic school placement.

The district where the LCI/foster family home is located will act as the Local Education Agency and assume responsibility for search and serve requirements of IDEA for special education students placed in Licensed Children's Institutions and foster family homes by other public agencies, (e.g., Department of Human Services, including Aid to State Adoptions, Department of Probation, Department of Drug and Alcohol, or Regional Center) **and not requiring a nonpublic school placement.** A district is not precluded from assuming responsibility for a nonpublic school student who is in the process of transitioning to a district program.

The point at which the district of the Sonoma County Office of Education becomes the responsible agency is when the IEP determines that the Sonoma COE is the district of special education accountability.