



Education for Parents of Indian Children with Special Needs

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SECRETARY SKANDARA UNVEILS NAVAJO PARENT RIGHTS & PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS

GALLUP, NM – The Education for Parents of Indian Children with Special Needs (EPICS) a non-profit community parent resource center serving parents of Native American children with special needs announces that Education Secretary Designate Hanna Skandara and Assistant Secretary of Indian Education Dr. Ferlin Clark will be unveiling the “Parent Rights & Procedural Safeguards” that has been translated in the Navajo Language. The translation will be made available in print and audio format.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 also known as IDEA law is the federal law that governs services for children with disabilities from Birth to 21 years of age who have developmental delays or disabilities and qualify for Early Intervention (Part C) and Special Education (part B) including preschool special education (section 619). Within IDEA, there are two sections that we commonly refer to for service delivery and distinguishes by age; eligibility; placement of services and the two are Part C which is early intervention services for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and/or disabilities from birth to age 2 years; then there is Part B which is special education services for children from 3 years old to 21 years old. Within this federal law is requires states to develop Parent Rights & Procedural Safeguards to ensure that parents exercise their rights under federal law that ensures that children receive Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the child’s Least Restrictive Environment (LRE).

The event will take place at 2:00pm on Thursday – May 24, 2012 at the NMPED Gallup Indian Education Office at 907 Metro, Gallup, NM.