

# Ethnic-Focused Parent Support, Advocacy, and Education Groups Serving Los Angeles County



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<p>1 The Braille Institute</p>	<p>741 North Vermont Ave Los Angeles, CA 90029</p>	<p>North Vermont location: 323-663-1111 Child Development Center: 323-906-3112 or call 1-800-BRAILLE (272-4553) <a href="http://www.brailleinstitute.org/child-development">www.brailleinstitute.org/child-development</a></p>	<p>Braille Institute's Child Development Program helps parents find resources and support to maximize their child's growth and development. There are community parent groups, family workshops, educational series, Braille Institute services, and much more. Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.</p> <p>See the downloadable brochure: Braille Institute Child Development Program brochure</p>
<p>2 California State University, Northridge (CSUN) Family Focus Resource Center</p>	<p>18111 Nordhoff St, E-109 Northridge, CA 91330-8265</p>	<p>San Fernando Valley (Main Office): 818-677-6854 <a href="mailto:family.focus@csun.edu">family.focus@csun.edu</a>  *Please call first for parking information and directions</p>	<p>Serves northern Los Angeles County and has same catchment area as the North Los Angeles County Regional Center. The Center understands and strengthens families with special needs children through education, advocacy, and family support services.</p>
	<p>9200 Oakdale Ave Chatsworth, CA 91311</p>	<p>Chatsworth (North Los Angeles County Regional Center - San Fernando Valley Branch) Regional Center consumers only: 818-374-9107  Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm</p>	<p>See the calendar for workshops and support groups such as the Black and African American Family Focus Support Group, Filipino Support Group, Men's Round Table, Parent Check-In and Chat, Mamas Latinas Groups Apoyo, El Poder del Amor y la Paciencia, and much more.</p> <p>English and Spanish</p>
	<p>25360 Magic Mountain Parkway, Suite 150 Santa Clarita, CA 91355</p>	<p>Santa Clarita Valley (North Los Angeles County Regional Center – Santa Clarita Branch): 661-294-9715 <a href="mailto:family.focus.scv@csun.edu">family.focus.scv@csun.edu</a></p>	
	<p>Family Resource Center 43850 10th St West Lancaster, CA 93534</p>	<p>Antelope Valley (North Los Angeles County Regional Center – Lancaster Branch): 661-945-9598 <a href="mailto:family.focus.av@csun.edu">family.focus.av@csun.edu</a></p>	
		<p>Resource Centers Home Page: <a href="http://www.csun.edu/family-focus-resource-center">www.csun.edu/family-focus-resource-center</a>  Events Calendar: <a href="http://www.csun.edu/family-focus-resource-center/events">www.csun.edu/family-focus-resource-center/events</a></p>	

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3 Chinese Parents Association for the Disabled (CPAD)	P.O. Box 2884 San Gabriel, CA 91778-2844	Hotline in English, Mandarin, and Cantonese: 626-600-6538  Online email: <a href="http://www.cpad.org/index.php/en/contactus">www.cpad.org/index.php/en/contactus</a> <a href="http://www.cpad.org">www.cpad.org</a>	Nonprofit organization provides support and assistance for physically and mentally disabled individuals and their families.
4 Disability Rights California	Los Angeles Office 350 South Bixel St., Suite 290 Los Angeles CA 90017	213-213-8000  <a href="http://www.disabilityrightscalifornia.org">www.disabilityrightscalifornia.org</a>	Disability Rights California (DRC) is the agency federal law named to protect and advocate for the right of Californians with disabilities – the largest disability rights organization in the nation. In addition to its work in litigation, legal representation, advocacy, investigations, and public policy, DRC provides information, advice, referrals, and community outreach.  Select language via pull-down
5 Down Syndrome Association of Los Angeles, Inc.	PO Box 2535 North Hills, CA 91393	818-786-0001 <a href="mailto:info@dsala.org">info@dsala.org</a> <a href="http://www.dsala.org">www.dsala.org</a>	Nonprofit organization provides current information on Down syndrome, advocates for individuals at local and national levels, training for medical professionals and other providers who work with individuals with Down syndrome, and promotes opportunities for individuals with Down syndrome for community involvement. Some of the many activities include parent support groups, mentor training, sibling groups, workshops, and conferences.  English and Spanish.
6 Familias First	222 E. Las Tunas Dr., San Gabriel, CA 91776	626-320-1317 <a href="mailto:customer-care@familiasfirst.com">customer-care@familiasfirst.com</a> <a href="http://www.familiasfirst.com">www.familiasfirst.com</a>	Provides individualized, applied behavior analysis services in the home, community, and school settings (several funding options), and free workshops for families of Latino descent.  English and Spanish
7 Fiesta Educativa	Main Office 2310 Pasadena Ave., Suite 204 Los Angeles, CA 90031	323-221-6696 <a href="mailto:info@fiestaeducativa.org">info@fiestaeducativa.org</a> <a href="http://www.fiestaeducativa.org">www.fiestaeducativa.org</a>	Provides information and training to Latino families on how to obtain services for all persons with disabilities.  English and Spanish

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<p>8</p> <p>Japanese Speaking Parents Association of Children with Challenges (JSPACC)</p>	<p>Little Tokyo Service Center 231 E. Third Street, G-106 Los Angeles, CA 90013</p>	<p>Connie Yamada: 626-447-6286 Michiko Wilkins: 818-557-0728 Mariko Magami: 818-249-1726  info@jspacc.org www.jspacc.org</p>	<p>Helps parents and families of special needs children in the Japanese-speaking community. Information on available services and programs shared through regular meetings, seminars, e-mails, and newsletters.</p> <p>English and Japanese</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Learning Rights Law Center</p>	<p>1625 W. Olympic Blvd., Ste. 500 Los Angeles, CA 90015</p>	<p>213-489-4030  www.learningrights.org</p>	<p>Works for education equity for underserved families. Serves Los Angeles and surrounding counties. Provides free and low-cost legal representation, advice, advocacy, and trainings to families and communities whose children have been denied equal access to public education because of the child's disability or discrimination.</p> <p>English and Spanish</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Special Needs Network (SNN)</p>	<p>4401 Crenshaw Blvd., Suite 215 Los Angeles, CA 90043</p>	<p>323-291-7100  www.snnla.org</p>	<p>Nonprofit grassroots organization addresses the crisis of autism and developmental disabilities in underserved communities. The organization recognizes for individuals with disabilities, their fight for disability rights cannot be separated from the fight for racial justice and the civil rights of all people. Provides applied behavior analysis, free training (In Pursuit of Equity) for nonprofits, free parent advocacy mentoring program, and more programs and community events.</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Team of Advocates for Special Kids (TASK CA)</p>	<p>Alhambra Office: 1000 S. Fremont Ave., Building 6 Alhambra, CA 91803  Compton Office: 612 S. Long Beach Blvd., Compton, CA 90221</p>	<p>Alhambra Office (at Eastern Los Angeles Family Resource Center): 626-300-1043  Compton Office: 310-604-1015  www.taskca.org</p>	<p>TASK provides special education support for people with all disabilities from birth to age 26. Their staff gives emotional support and educates parents about special education systems and processes, enabling them to be effective participants in their child's education. They help families understand their rights, processes to have their child assessed, and preparing for the Individualized Education Plan. TASK also refers families to other disability service providers and agencies because individuals often have many challenges.</p> <p>TASK is the Parent Training and Information Center (PTI) for Los Angeles County and five other sites in Southern California.</p>