



# SELPA

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# SELPA History

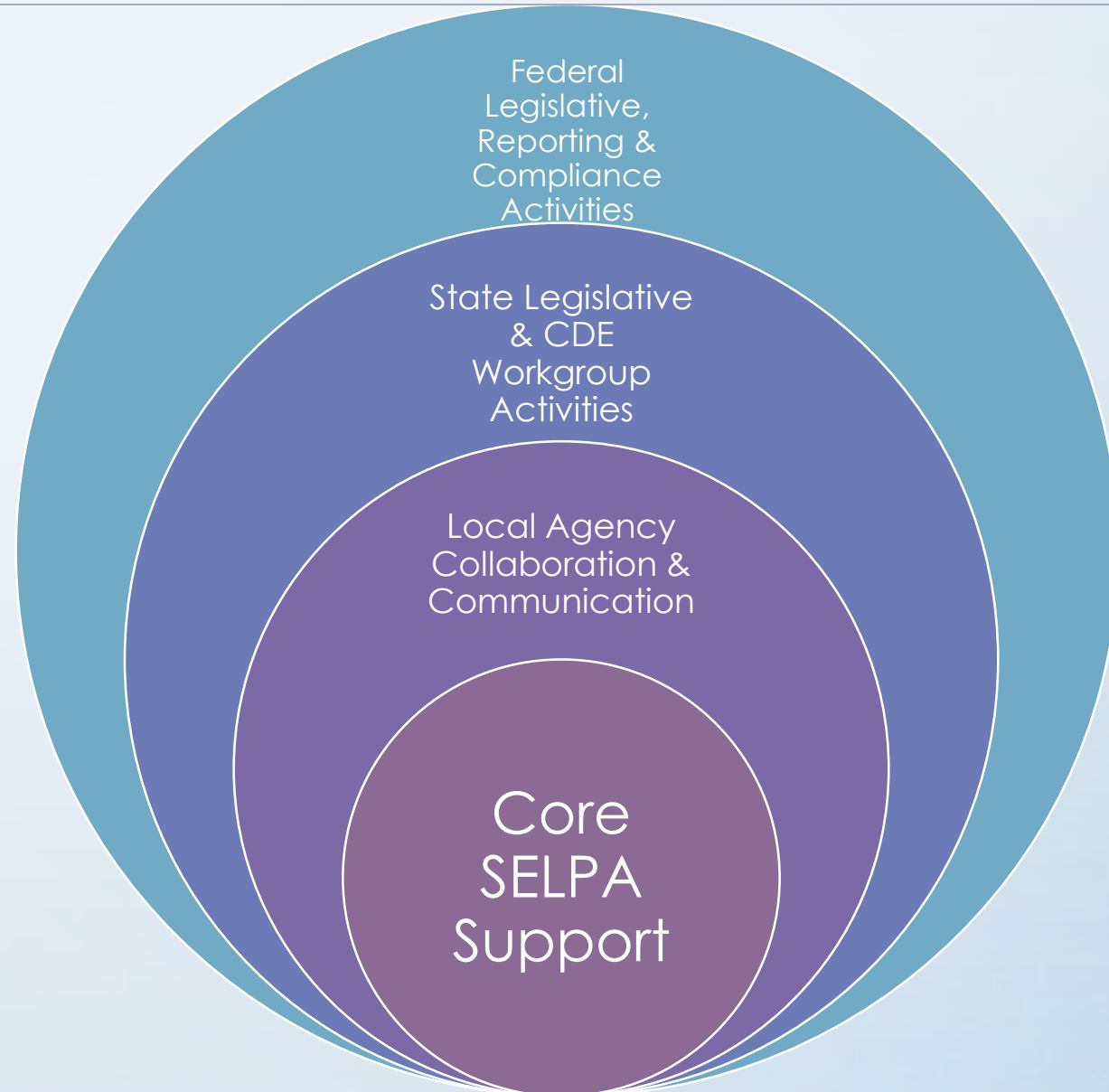
- In 1974 the California Master Plan for Special Education was developed, calling for each school district and county office of Education (COE) to create a consortium in geographical regions, with the intent of providing a continuum of special education services within their boundaries. Special Education Local Plan Areas, or SELPA's were created out of these requirements.
- The regional structure made practical sense for our large and diverse state, and was intended to allow enough flexibility to accommodate districts of all sizes in providing a full continuum of supports and take advantage of economies of scale. SELPA's were also expected to help districts ensure legal compliance.

# SELPA Background & Context



How is Special Education  
**Organized in California**

# SELPA in the Community



# SELPA Background & Context

- Federal
  - 1975 - PL 94-142 Education Handicapped Act
  - 1990 - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
  - 1997 - I.D.E.A. Reauthorized
  - 2004 - I.D.E.A. Reauthorized

# SELPA Background & Context

- California
  - 1977 - Mandate to LEA's & COE's to form regional consortiums
  - 1980 - Part 30. Special Education Programs (56000-56865)
  - 1983 - Local Plans Approved
  - 2010 - Charter SELPA's

# SELPA Structures

- §56195. Each special education local plan area, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 56195.1, shall administer local plans submitted pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 56205) and shall administer the allocation of funds pursuant to Chapter 7.2 (commencing with Section 56836).
- §56195.1 (d) The service area covered by the local plan developed under subdivision (a), (b), or (c) shall be known as the special education local plan area.



# SELPA Structures

- §56195.1 (a) Single District
- §56195.1 (b) Multi-District
- §56195.1 (c) District/County
- SELPA by County
- CDE SELPA Overview  
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/as/caselpas.asp>

# SELPA Responsibilities

- EC §56836.23 ... the special education local plan area shall ensure that all functions listed below are performed in accordance with the description set forth in its local plan adopted pursuant to Section 56205:
  - (a) Coordination of the special education local plan area and the implementation of the local plan
  - (b) Coordinated system of identification and assessment

# SELPA Responsibilities

- (c) Coordinated system of procedural safeguards
- (d) Coordinated system of staff development and parent and guardian education.
- (e) Coordinated system of curriculum development and alignment with the core curriculum.

# SELPA Responsibilities

- (f) Coordinated system of internal program review, evaluation of the effectiveness of the local plan, and implementation of a local plan accountability mechanism.
- (g) Coordinated system of data collection and management.

# SELPA Responsibilities

- (h) Coordination of interagency agreements.
- (i) Coordination of services to medical facilities.
- (j) Coordination of services to licensed children's institutions and foster family homes.

# SELPA Responsibilities

- (k) Preparation and transmission of required special education local plan area reports.
- (l) Fiscal and logistical support of the community advisory committee.
- m) Coordination of transportation services for individuals with exceptional needs.

# SELPA Responsibilities

- (n) Coordination of career and vocational education and transition services.
- (o) Assurance of full educational opportunity.

# SELPA Responsibilities

- (p) Fiscal administration and the allocation of state and federal funds pursuant to Section 56836.01
- (q) Direct instructional program support that may be provided by program specialists in accordance with Section 56368.



# SELPA Local Plan Elements

- § 56205 (a) SELPA LEA Assurances
- § 56205 (b) Annual Budget
- § 56205 (b) Annual Service Plan
- § 56205 (b) Description of program for early childhood special education for birth to age 5

# SELPA Local Plan Elements

- § 56205 (b) How the public can engage the governing entity
- § 56205 (b) Dispute Resolution Process
- § 56205 (b) Verification of CAC Local Plan review
- § 56205 (b) Child Find or Special Education Referral Process

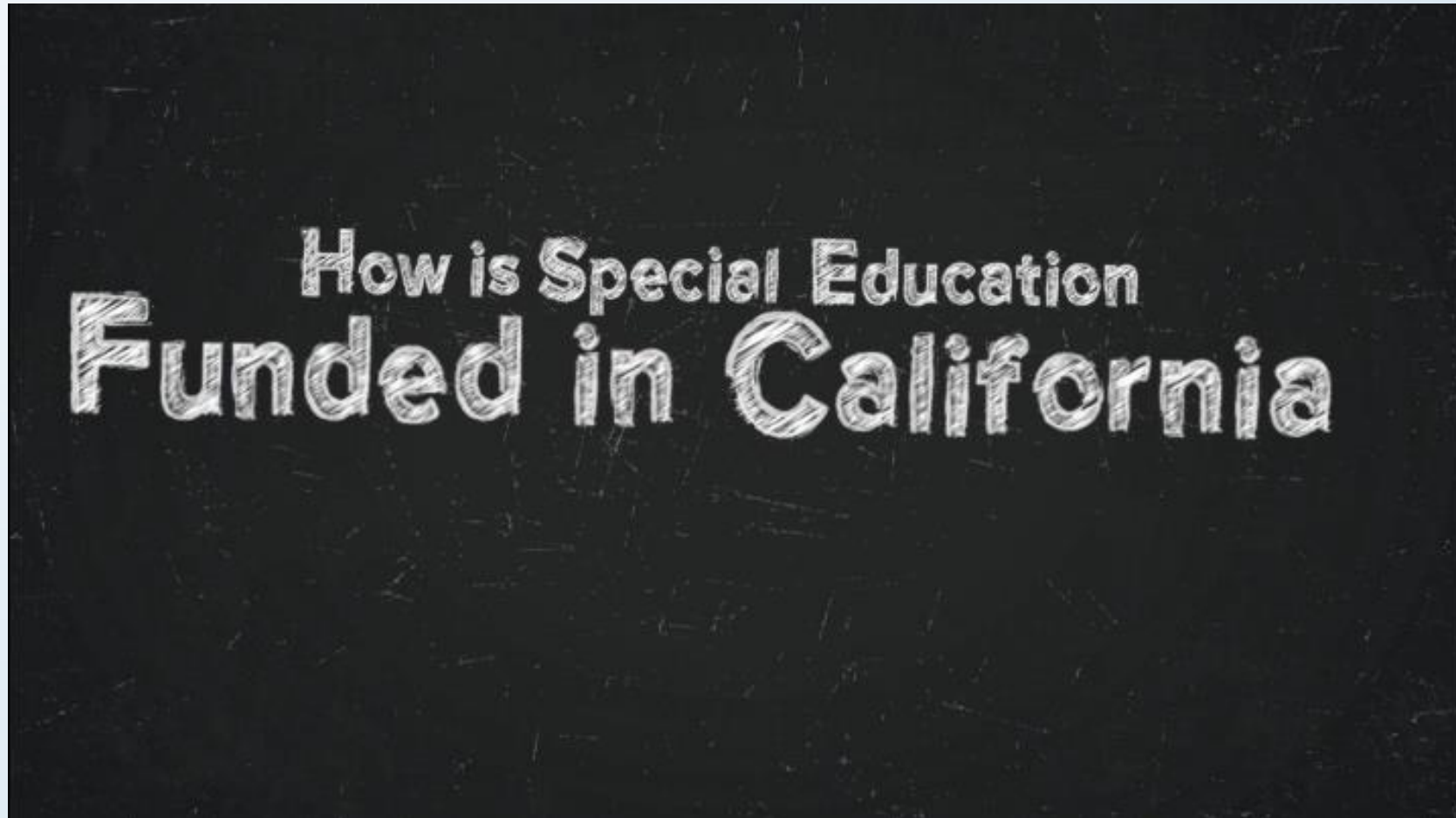
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- §56205 (c) A description of the process being utilized to oversee and evaluate placements in nonpublic, nonsectarian schools and the method of ensuring that all requirements of each pupil's individualized education program are being met. The description shall include a method for evaluating whether the pupil is making appropriate educational progress.

# SELPA Local Plan Elements

- §56205 (d) The local plan, budget plan, and annual service plan shall be written in language that is understandable to the general public.
- §56195.7 Participants Agreements
- §56195.8 Policies

# SELPA Finance § 56836 - § 56845



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- State Revenue
  - AB 602
  - Varying Rates
  - County Property Tax
  - Mental Health
  - Low Incidence

# SELPA Finance § 56836 - § 56845

- Federal Revenue
  - IDEA
  - Infant Grant
  - Mental Health
- Allocation Plans
- Annual Budget Plan
  - Revised template

# SELPA Governance

- Inclusive Local Control
  - General Education Teachers
  - Special Education Teachers
  - Administrators
  - Parents



# SELPA Governance

- Local Plan Requirement
  - Participants Agreement
  - Policies
  - Dispute Resolution
  - Governance Section

# SELPA Governance

- CAC – Parent Engagement
- Multi-District SELPA Committee Overview
  - Governance Council
  - Program Council
  - Finance Council

# SELPA & COE Relationship

- Variable as Defined by Components of the Local Plan
- Dashboard and Differentiated Assistance
- §56140 County Office Shall ...
- Cooperation & Collaboration

**Questions?**  
**Requests? Any other needs?**

