

Parents, you can help to improve services for children with disabilities in Connecticut!

The U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) will be conducting monitoring in Connecticut in November. This visit, called a Continuous Improvement Visit, is required every five years. During the visit, OSEP will be assessing, or verifying, that key requirements of IDEA, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, are being followed and implemented.

An important part of the verification process includes hearing from stakeholders, and parents are **key stakeholders**. A survey has been created to provide all parents with the opportunity to provide input about their experiences with the requirements of IDEA.

As CT's Parent Training and Information Center, Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC) is responsible for conducting the statewide survey of parents of children who are enrolled in the Birth to Three System or receive special education services through their school districts. The survey is brief and all answers and comments are kept confidential. Your name will not be collected or shared with anyone.
The survey is available in both English and Spanish.

This opportunity comes around only once every five years, and CPAC encourages you to share your thoughts and experiences.

How You Can Participate in the Survey:

Phone: Call CPAC at 1-800-445-2722 and complete the survey over the phone

Paper Survey: Email CPAC at cpac@cpacinc.org or call us at 1-800-445-2722 and we'll mail you a copy of the survey for you to fill out. Completed surveys should be returned to CPAC at 338 Main Street, Niantic, CT 06357.

Online: Complete the survey now by visiting www.cpacinc.org and read "The U.S. Department of Education is Coming to Connecticut!" on our homepage.

For more information, contact Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center at 1-800-445-2722, cpac@cpacinc.org or visit us online at www.cpacinc.org.
For assistance in Spanish, call 203-776-3211.



Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center is a statewide nonprofit organization offering information and support to parents of children ages birth to 26 with any disability or chronic illness.