

WARMLINE CULTIVATES AND GROWS A CULTURE WHERE ALL CHILDREN HAVE DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE



WarmLine was founded by and is staffed by parents who share the common experience of parenting a child with developmental delays or disabilities.

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Take our Survey by Nov 30

Please help WarmLine continue to help our community! Take our Parent Survey by Nov 30. One participant will be selected to win a 100 dollar gift card after the survey period has ended

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or go to
WarmLineFRC.org

A Message from WarmLine's Executive Director

October 12, 2026

Hi WarmLine Families,

This year WarmLine is celebrating its 30-year anniversary of being a non-profit in Sacramento! Before it became an official non-profit in 1996, WarmLine was started by a small group of parents who saw a need for change. More parent support was a need identified by this group of parents back in 1989!



Click HERE to take our survey

We became a functioning nonprofit in 1996, and WarmLine was designated as an Early Start Family Resource Center providing guidance and support to families with children in early intervention between the ages of birth to 3 years. Since that time, we have grown in many ways, but the vision has always stayed the same. Supporting families and children with special needs. With that said, WarmLine would like to know how to better support our families located in the six counties we serve. I encourage you to please click on the survey link in this newsletter and provide us with feedback on how to better serve you.

I would also like to highlight the outreach efforts of the WarmLine team this year thus far. With the addition of Community Parents, we were able to commit to attending more events this year, which means more families and agencies are learning more about WarmLine in their communities. Our monthly calendar provides a list of events in the community, check it out!
Director

INVITATION TO CHECK OUT YOUR CAC

WarmLine has made it a little easier to find your own SELPA & CAC with the QR code below or by clicking this LINK

One final point I would like to highlight in this edition is the importance of our Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings. The California Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPA) provide districts with education and support to families with children on an IEP.

Get involved and attend your next meeting. Attending your CAC is another form of advocating for your children. WarmLine has put together a webpage to help you locate your SELPA. Please visit our webpage for more information.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope to see you at our community events!

-Linda Hernandez
Executive Director

Fall Special Education Workshops

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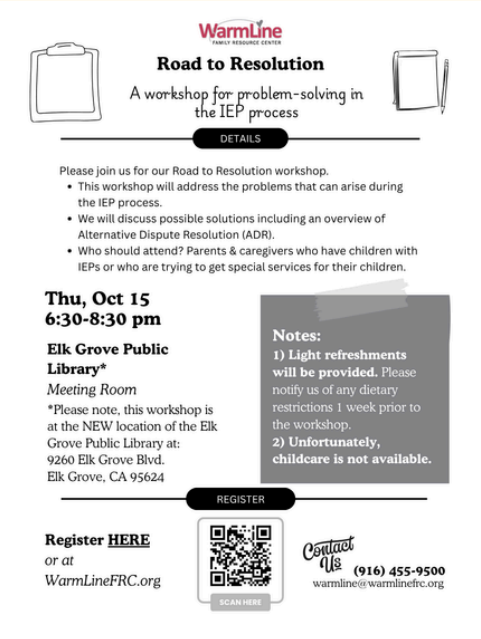
GET PREPARED
GET ORGANIZED
GET ANSWERS



4 Options this Fall:

Dates

Thu, Oct 15 at Elk Grove Library - Road to Resolution
Wed, Oct 21 - Taller virtual de Educación Especial
Tue, Nov 10 - Special Education Online Workshop
Wed, Nov 18 - Понимание Специального Образования





Register HERE or

Community Advisory Committees

Join your Community Advisory Committee to learn about how your child's special education program works and to influence decision making.

What is a CAC?

A Community Advisory Committee (or CAC) is made up of families, professionals, and community members who give input on the "Local Plan" for special education in your SELPA.



Find YOUR C.A.C.

WarmLine made it easier by adding direct links to your SELPA to our website.

You can always reach out to WarmLine for additional information!

Click HERE

WarmLine Family Resource Center will be tabling at the Yolo County SELPA Resource & Transition Fair on **Thursday, October 22 at 3:30pm** to join in the candy, fun, and information! Please join us (costumes welcome!) at the conference center at

Yolo County Office of Education Conference Center
1280 Santa Anita Ct #100, Woodland, CA 95776



FROM PARENT TO PARENT

WarmLine sits down with staff member Ania S., Early Start Specialist, to talk about the importance of parent advocacy.

What are your first steps in advocating for your child?



The very simple, first step that I take in my advocacy journey is getting to know the team I work with. Meet and greet? Yes please. Volunteering at school? Sign me up. Reading a section of school newsletter where the teacher describes their interests? Yup. It's not about having a spy approach and looking for something to criticize. It's about meeting other humans, looking at things from their perspective, and building that positive relationship. When I walk to the IEP meeting room, I'm less stressed because I'm meeting people who I met and collaborated before with, and I'm ready to do that again.



How do you have an impact on Early Start on a state-wide level?

On a state level, parents could attend State Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) on Early Intervention: https://www.dds.ca.gov/services/early-start/state-icc-on-early-intervention-overview/ Listening to what are current updates / concerns could bring a great understanding of a bigger picture of the system. A parent can also make a public comment: express their own concerns, ideas for system improvements, or request for the future changes.

Does WarmLine have any opportunities to be an advocate for Early Start?

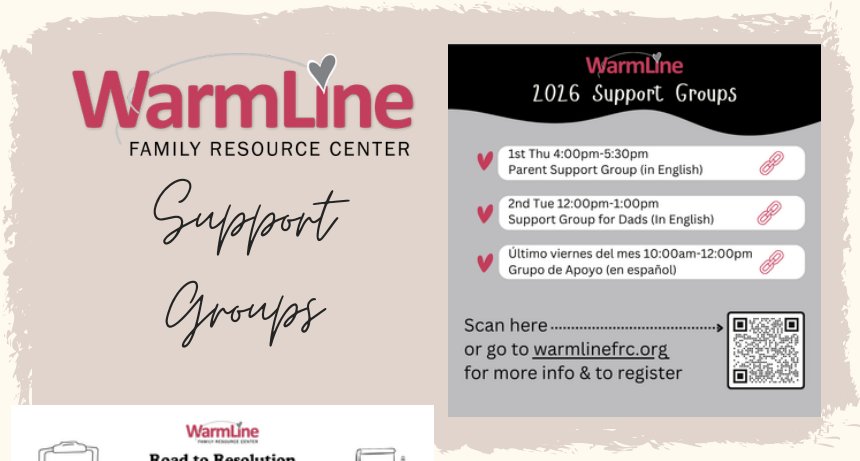
Yes - A parent can join Local Interagency Coordination Area (LICA) virtual meetings, hosted by WarmLine. They bring an opportunity to get to know agencies providing Early Start services as well as other agency partners, and contribute to valuable discussions. Register HERE

Staff weigh in - What are some of the parent advocacy groups you've joined?

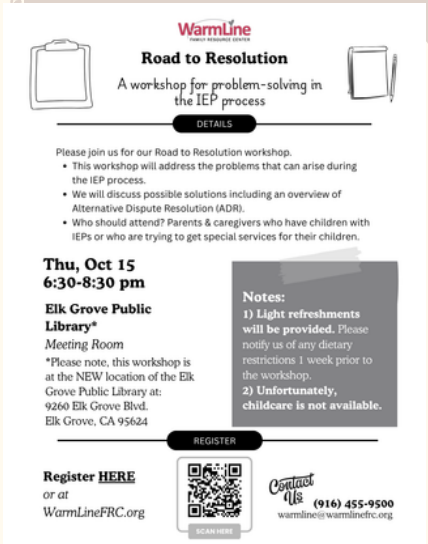
Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund
Family Voices National | California
The Arc National | California
California State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Disability Rights California
Families for Early Autism Treatment
Elk Grove Speaks

Fall Events

WarmLine can't wait to see you around the community this Fall!

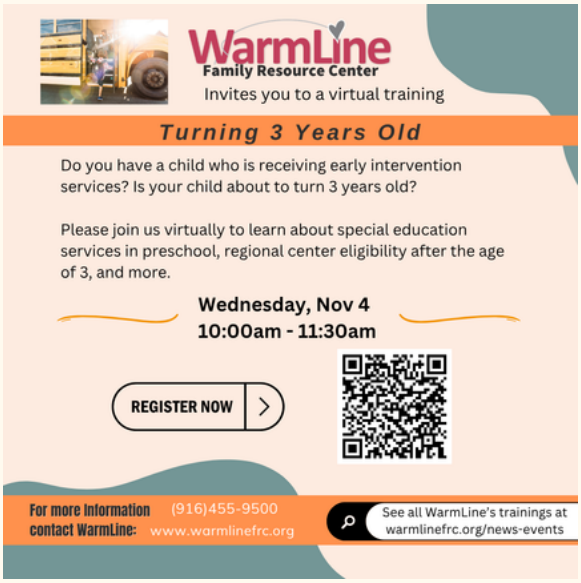












Fall Events, continued

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EVENT DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2026

Fall Festival and Trunk-or-Treat!

The UC Davis MIND Institute welcomes families for treats, games, and fall fun together at our **FREE**, sensory-friendly trunk-or-treat event featuring:

- Candy and giveaways
- Fun games and activities
- Entertainment
- Decked-out cars from the amazing @norcalchallengers
- Costumes galore (don't forget yours!)

Free parking will be available in our new parking structure, conveniently located right next to the MIND Institute.

Questions? Contact us at mindchildlife@health.ucdavis.edu















Please join us, our partners, and the wider community for fun and meaningful events throughout the year.

Check out our calendar HERE

Sign up for our emails to get the latest info HERE

Thank you for reading!

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