

13. RELATED SERVICES

If a child is diagnosed with a qualifying disability under IDEA, the IEP team must address all services the child may need to fully access and benefit from his or her education. This includes developmental, corrective and other supportive services to address the child's physical, social and emotional health. These "related services" must be written into the IEP and are provided to the child free of charge.

The child may need and should receive related services even if he or she remains in the regular classroom.

Related services can include:

- Travel assistance
- Speech-language pathology
- Audiology (hearing) services
- Psychological services
- Physical and occupational therapy
- Recreation, including therapeutic recreation
- Early identification and assessment of disabilities
- Counseling services, including rehabilitation counseling
- Orientation and mobility services
- Medical services for diagnostic or evaluation purposes
- School health services
- Social work services in schools
- Parent counseling and training



The provision of related services must be written into the IEP and should include, whenever possible, the:

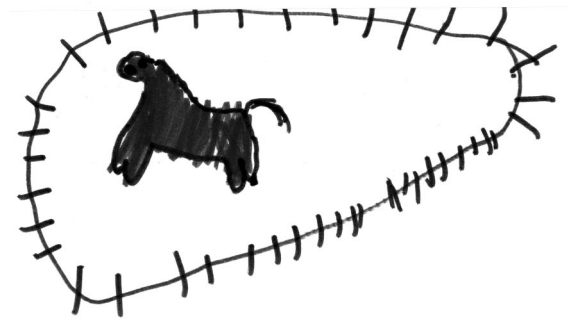
- Provider (who will provide services)
- Location (where services will be provided)
- Frequency (how often)
- Duration (how long each session will last)

The following is a more detailed definitions of related services:

Transportation

Transporting the child to and from school and between schools; to other related service providers such as counselors, therapists, etc. This also includes assisting the child in traveling in and around school buildings and related facilities.

Can include provision of specialized equipment (such as special or adapted buses, lifts, and ramps) to help a child move through the school and home and community when child participates in extracurricular activities.



Speech-language pathology

Referral for medical or other professional attention necessary to determine the nature and severity of speech or language impairments; provision of speech and language services to increase the child's ability to communicate effectively.

Audiology services

Identification of children with hearing loss; determination of the range, nature and degree of hearing loss, including referral for medical or other professional attention to address hearing difficulties; provision of language habilitation, auditory training, speech reading (lip-reading), hearing evaluation and speech conservation; counseling and guidance of children, parents and teachers regarding hearing loss; determination of the child's need for group and individual amplification, selecting and fitting an appropriate aid (hearing aid) and evaluating the effectiveness of amplification.

Psychological services

Administering psychological and educational tests, and other assessment procedures; interpreting assessment results; consulting with other staff members in planning school programs to meet the special needs of children as indicated by psychological tests, interviews, and behavioral evaluations; planning and managing a program of psychological services, including psychological counseling for children and parents; assisting in developing positive behavioral intervention strategies.

Physical therapy

Services provided by a qualified physical therapist designed to maximize the child's independent mobility (ability to move on his or her own).

Occupational therapy

Instruction designed to optimize the child's independence and ability to perform daily tasks using a variety of techniques including: improving, developing or restoring functions impaired or lost through illness, injury or deprivation; necessary equipment, techniques of compensating for lost function and assistive devices. This also includes preventing, through early intervention, initial or further impairment or loss of function. Could also include community mobility training using public transportation or driver education with necessary adaptations.

Recreation, including therapeutic recreation

Therapeutic recreation services; recreation programs in schools and community agencies

Counseling services

Services provided by qualified social workers, psychologists, guidance counselors or other qualified personnel.

Orientation and mobility services

Provided to blind or visually impaired students to enable those students to attain systematic orientation to and safe movement within their environments in school, home and community

Medical services for diagnostic or evaluation purposes

Provided by a licensed physician to determine if a child's medically related disability results in the child's need for special education and related services.

School health services

Services provided by a qualified school nurse or other qualified person.

Social work services in schools

Preparing a social or developmental history on a child with a disability; group and individual counseling with the child and family; working in partnership with parents and others on those problems in a child's living situation (home, school, and community) that affect the child's adjustment in school; mobilizing school and community resources to enable the child to learn as effectively as possible in his or her educational program; assisting in developing positive behavioral intervention strategies.

Parent counseling and training

Assisting parents in understanding the special needs of their child; providing parents with information about child development; and helping parents to acquire the necessary skills that will allow them to support the implementation of their child's IEP or IFSP (plan for children birth to 3-years-old).

Rehabilitation counseling

Counseling services for career development, employment preparation, achieving independence and community and workplace integration. The term can include the services of a vocational rehabilitation counselor who can match the child's interests, abilities, and skills with the most appropriate work and educational opportunities.

The child's regular or special education teacher, other school staff, or appropriate professionals can provide related services.

For more information:

**Northcoast Children’s Services
Head Start and Early Head Start
Programs**

685 F Street
Arcata, CA 95521
707-822-7206

**Home Health Services
St. Joseph Home Care Network**

6700 Hwy 101 Ste. B
Eureka, CA 95501
707-443-9332

**Humboldt Community Access and
Resource Center (HCAR)**

PO Box 2010
Eureka, CA 95502
707-443-7077

**Humboldt County Department of
Mental Health**

1711 Third Street
Eureka, CA 95501
707-268-5728

Redwood Coast Regional Center

808 E Street
Eureka, CA 95501
707-444-3409

**State Department of
Rehabilitation/Vocational counselors**

310 3rd Street, St. A
Eureka, CA 95501
707-445-6300