

# Connecticut State Advisory Council on Special Education

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## Who Are We?

The State Advisory Council on Special Education is a group of parents and professionals who meet to examine and discuss issues related to the special education needs of Connecticut's children. The Council is mandated by federal legislation (Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act - IDEA) and supported by state legislation (Section 10-761 of the Connecticut General Statutes). The Council's function is to review laws, regulations, and guidelines pertaining to special education and to advise the General Assembly, the Connecticut State Department of Education, and the Connecticut State Board of Education.

**For further information, contact Jim Granfield, Ph.D., Council Chair, Dean, School of Education, Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT 06515. You may also visit the State Advisory Council on the web at [www.ctsac.org](http://www.ctsac.org).**

## What Are Our Goals?

- To identify the unmet needs of children with special education needs.
- To encourage compliance with IDEA and Connecticut Statutes 10-76.
- To provide a forum for individuals or groups to express their ideas related to statewide special education issues.

## How Do We Function?

- Regularly scheduled meetings are held throughout the year to examine current issues that are related to students with special education needs.
- At these meetings, state organizations, individuals, special interest groups, and agencies address the Council about their concerns.
- The Council then responds by taking an official position on the topic and/or forwarding comments to the appropriate agencies or department.