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ALABAMA DISABILITIES ADVOCACY PROGRAM
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The Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program (ADAP) is part of the nation's federally-funded protection and advocacy (P&A) system. ADAP provides legal services to Alabamians with disabilities to protect, promote and expand their rights. ADAP's vision is one of a society in which persons with disabilities are valued and exercise self-determination through meaningful choices, and have equality of opportunity. ADAP is part of the [National Disability Rights Network \(NDRN\)](#).

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Public Comment Sought for Medicaid ID Waiver

The Alabama Medicaid Agency is seeking public comment on its proposal to renew the Alabama Home and Community-Based Waiver for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (ID Waiver), including the submission of a Transition Plan.

The waiver supports Alabama citizens who have a diagnosis of Intellectual Disabilities and who would otherwise require the level of care offered in an ICF/IID institution to remain in the community. The waiver is a comprehensive service waiver, including out of home residential services, day services and in-home supports.

The Transition Plan is designed to ensure that individuals receiving long-term services and supports through home and community-based services programs have full access to benefits of community living and the opportunity to receive services in the most integrated setting that is appropriate. These changes are being made in accordance with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Final Rule.

A copy of the proposed changes can be found on the Alabama Medicaid Agency website. [Click here to view waiver documents](#) .

The comment period is open until December 5, 2014. Written comments regarding the proposed waiver are welcome and should be mailed to: Samantha McLeod, Long Term Care Services, Alabama Medicaid Agency, 501 Dexter Avenue, P.O. Box 5624, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-

Please contact [Patrick Hackney](#) at ADAP for additional information regarding these issues and how to file your comments.

Test Your Know-How

The Role of the Regular Education Teacher in the IEP Process

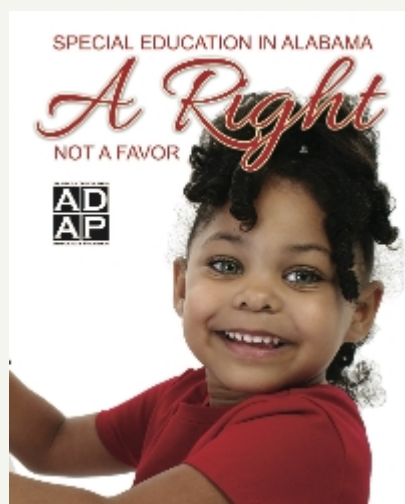
How much do you know about the role of a regular education teacher in developing and implementing an IEP? Take this [quiz](#) to test your know-how.

Attention Families-We Need Your Help!

The Day in The Life is a Family Mentoring Program, designed to be part of the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and related Disabilities Program (LEND) at the UAB Civitan-Sparks Clinics. This program provides an experience for our trainees to learn first-hand how a family with a child with special needs functions both at home and in the community, learning about the family's perspectives on disability and special health care needs, as well as some of the challenges faced in advocating for their child with special needs. The goals of this activity are for our trainees to learn from a family about the impact of having a child with a disability, their experiences working with professionals from various disciplines, the responsiveness of service systems to the family's needs and desires, as well as deepen the trainee's appreciation and capacity to work in a family-centered manner. For additional information, [click here](#).



Special Education in Alabama: A Right Not a Favor



ADAP is pleased to announce the publication of the newest edition of its popular special education parent manual – “Special Education in Alabama: A Right Not a Favor” (RNF).

RNF helps families and child advocates understand how to access special education services and ensure that eligible children with disabilities are provided the free, appropriate public education to which they are entitled. The manual is written in lay-friendly terms and is filled with helpful advocacy tips and resources.

Publication of RNF was underwritten by a generous grant from

the [Alabama Council on Developmental Disabilities](#).

The first edition of RNF was published in the mid-80's. Since its last revision and printing in 2007, 50,000 free copies have been distributed across the state.

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