



Exceptional Family Member Program Newsletter

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Special Education Services

Special Education services provide instruction that meets the unique needs of children with special needs.. Special needs can make learning or other activities hard for a child.



These may include:

- An intellectual disability
- Physical disabilities.
- Learning disabilities
- Emotional Problems
- Speech or language impairments

Special Education helps build a child's skills and confidence.

The results of special education can improve a child's chances for:

- Higher education
- Future employment
- Independence as an adult

Parent involvement is the key. Special education is at its best when parents, teachers, and other school staff work together as a team to meet the needs of a child with special needs.

Did you Know?

Special education laws protect the rights of children with disabilities. They give students the tools they need to reach their full potential in school and in life.

The laws are as follows:

- Individuals with disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This is the nation's special education law. States use federal funds to provide special education and related services to eligible students.
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. This is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities.
- The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESSA). This act helps give every student a high-quality education..
- For additional information on special education services, contact the EFMP program Manager at USAG-DTA.





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What is MORC???

The Macomb-Oakland Regional Center Inc. (MORC) helps individuals with disabilities and mental illness realize their dreams as full members of their communities. We do this through comprehensive services and supports, training and education, and advocacy.

MORC uses a person-centered planning process to determine the wants and needs of each individual with a disability and then creates a customized plan of services to help them reach their life goals, have a high quality of life and live in the community setting of their choice. The following array of services is available.

Supports Coordination: MORC Supports Coordinators provide assessment, support, and coordination of services based on a person-centered plan.

Self-Determination: This option gives individuals greater flexibility and control over their individual budget in directing their supports and services.

Clinical Services: These services include medical, nursing, psychology, speech and language, nutrition, occupational therapy, recreational services to include medical, nursing, psychology,

Children and Family Services: These services include family-centered planning, therapeutic treatment, positive behavioral support, transition services and foster care to support the changing needs of children and families.

Home Choices: A variety of options are offered to support individuals with disabilities to live where they want to live. Home choices include with family or outside of the family home in a personal residence, with a foster family, or in a group home.

Vocational Services: These services include skills building, job placement, on the job support and micro-business development for those who are interested in working in the community.

Respite Services: This program offers a variety of options to provide a short-term break to families caring for an individual with a developmental disability.

Recreational Therapy Services: These services include linking individuals with disabilities to a wide variety of recreational opportunities that meet their needs and interests.

Rehabilitation Services: MORC's rehab services include physical, occupational, speech, and aquatic therapies to assist with recovery from chronic illnesses, injuries or surgery.

Autism Services: The Autism and Behavioral Support Center offers affordable, innovative therapies and additional support services to improve the quality of life of autistic children and their families.

Home Care Services: This program provides home supports such as homemaking, adult day care,



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Training: MORC offers a comprehensive training program including classroom instruction, workshops, practicum and consultations for caregivers, support staff and administrators.

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