



## HAWAII DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER

a private non-profit public interest corporation,  
protects and promotes the human, civil and legal rights  
of people with disabilities  
through the provision of information and advocacy.

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HDRC is Hawaii's  
**PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEM**  
for People with Disabilities



and

**CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**CAP**

as authorized in federal and state law  
and designated by Executive Order.

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PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS TO  
**EDUCATION**

The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) mandates a free and appropriate public education. Special education and related services must be designed to meet the unique needs of children with disabilities and prepare them for employment and independent living.

This means that public schools must:

- ▶ Determine eligibility for specialized instruction
- ▶ Consider a child's individual needs for educational programming and related services and school to work transition
- ▶ Assure educational services are provided in the least-restrictive environment
- ▶ Provide equal access to extracurricular school related activities and programs
- ▶ Provide assistive technology if needed
- ▶ Provide services until the student's 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday

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or to obtain this brochure in an alternate  
format,**

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the Hawaii Disability Rights Center**

## **HAWAII DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER**

# **EDUCATION PRIORITIES**

- **Arrest, suspension or expulsion from school of children with disabilities**
- **Identification of and early intervention for children with disabilities**
- **Evaluation of children with disabilities**
- **Preparation and adherence to 504 Plans, Individual Educational Programs (IEP) and Individual Family Service Plans (IFSP)**
- **Placement in the least restrictive, most integrated environment**
- **School to work transition of children with disabilities**
- **Provision of mental health and related services for children with disabilities**