

Family Resource Network
Serving Families Raising Children With Special Needs in These California Counties:
Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tuolumne
Phone: 209.472.3674 or Toll Free 800.847.3030

Who Do We Serve?

FRN serves families raising children, ages birth to 22 years, with special needs. Our service area includes Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne Counties of California. There are no income limits or eligibility requirements. FRN serves families whose children have any type of special need, medical diagnosis, or learning difference. FRN also serves the professionals who work with special needs children.

What Are We?

- An opportunity for parents to benefit from the support and understanding of other parents who have gone through similar experiences.
- A parent directed resource center for families of special needs infants and children.
- A place to call or visit when you need to talk with a parent who will truly listen because they, too, have "been there."
- A resource library of books, tapes and articles to help families better understand disabilities and the system that provides support.
- A place to meet trained parents who can sensitively and confidentially answer your questions and help you find the answers you need.
- An opportunity to participate in the community wide, interagency group coordinating services for infants and toddlers with special needs and their families.
- A place for training to understand the systems, services and rights of children with special needs and their families.

Our Mission:

- To make a positive difference in the lives of children with special needs and disabilities by empowering parents and caregivers.
- Provide practical information and emotional support.
- Appreciate the role of parents as the most important expert and advocate in the lives of their children.
- And foster a sense of community allowing parents and professionals to learn from shared ideas and experience.

Our Services:

- Information & Referral: Linking families with services.
- Family Support: Providing options (one-to-one peer support, support groups) when requested, while respecting confidentiality.
- Outreach: Increasing public awareness of disabilities and the service system that supports families.
- Advocacy: Strengthening parents' knowledge and decision-making abilities.
- Workshops and Seminars: Training parents and professionals using a culturally sensitive and family focused approach.
- Resources: Books, tapes, and articles on disability, parenting, family support and related topics.