

Surrogate Parent

The AEA shall appoint a surrogate parent to protect the rights of an individual in the decision-making process for special education services whenever the AEA documents that no parent can be identified, the AEA cannot discover the whereabouts of a parent after reasonable efforts, the individual is a ward of the state, or the individual is an unaccompanied homeless youth and is known to be or is suspected of being an individual with disabilities.

Legal References:

20 USC §§ 1412(a)(3)

34 CFR §§ 300.515

[281] IAC §§ 41.18(1)(a); 41.110(1-5)

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