



Surrogate Parent Volunteer Training

Wednesday, February 27
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dysart Unified School District #89
Support Facility Building
Room #2
13825 W. Desert Cove Rd.
Surprise, AZ 85379

What is a surrogate parent and why does someone need one?

A surrogate parent represents the rights of a student who is currently receiving special education, or is being considered for special education eligibility, when no other adult is available or has the legal authority.

How many children does the program serve?

The surrogate parent program currently serves over 200 students across the state with new applications received every month. These students need adult volunteers to represent them as special education decisions are made.

How can I become a surrogate parent volunteer?

Volunteers must attend a workshop on the Surrogate Parent Program and complete a state and federal background clearance check. The workshop will teach volunteers about the special education process in Arizona. Volunteers must submit fingerprints to the Arizona Department of Public Safety and be issued a fingerprint clearance card in order to serve as a surrogate parent. Volunteers may be reimbursed up to \$65 for the cost of the fingerprint clearance card.

Where can I get more information about the surrogate parent program?

Email: surrogateparents@azed.gov

Telephone: 602-364-3984

Web: www.azed.gov/special-education/special-projects/surrogate-parents/

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To register for this training, please visit:

<http://www.azed.gov/special-education/2013/02/14/surrogate-training/>

