



## PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN “Chapter 26.5” Services

- ◆ You must participate in IEP meetings.
- ◆ You must give consent for referral to Ventura County Behavioral Health.
- ◆ You must participate with Behavioral Health in working toward the IEP goals.

If you would like a copy of the regulations, please call SELPA at (805) 437-1560.



## WHO TO CALL

The Special Education Department  
in your school district:

### Ventura County School Districts

Briggs	(805) 933-2254
Conejo Valley Unified	(805) 497-9511 x221
Fillmore Unified	(805) 524-6029
Hueneme Elementary	(805) 488-3588 x9300
Las Virgenes Unified	(818) 878-5243
Mesa Union	(805) 485-1411
Moorpark Unified	(805) 531-6418
Mupu	(805) 525-0422
Oak Park Unified	(818) 735-3208
Ocean View	(805) 986-6778
Ojai Unified	(805) 640-4300 x309
Oxnard Elementary	(805) 487-3918
Oxnard Union High	(805) 385-2829
Pleasant Valley	(805) 445-8676
Rio	(805) 485-3111
Santa Clara	(805) 525-4573
Santa Paula Elementary	(805) 933-5342
Santa Paula Union High	(805) 525-4406 x2025
Simi Valley Unified	(805) 306-4191
Somis Union	(805) 386-5711
Ventura Unified	(805) 641-5000 x1123

### Ventura County Behavioral Health Children’s Services

Ventura	(805) 289-3100
Oxnard	(805) 981-8460
Fillmore	(805) 524-8660
Santa Paula	(805) 525-1618
Thousand Oaks	(805) 777-3505
Simi Valley	(805) 582-4080

## Chapter 26.5? (Formerly AB 3632)

### What is it all About?



Assembly Bill (AB) 3632, originated in 1984. It is now in California Government Code as Chapter 26.5, Sections 7570-7588 and California Code of Regulations Sections 60000-60020. It is titled “Interagency Responsibilities for Related Services to Pupils with Disabilities.”

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## WHAT IS “Chapter 26.5”?

This program provides mental health services to Special Education students who have significant mood/behavioral problems impacting their educational performance and require clinical intervention in order to be successful at school.

Chapter 26.5 services are designed to be short-term with the goal of addressing significant issues and then referring the student back to school staff for ongoing supports and services.

Under “Chapter 26.5,” county mental health services are provided free of charge.

## WHO ARE THE “26.5” KIDS?

A student eligible for consideration is one:

- ◆ Who has a current and valid Individualized Education Plan (IEP), for Special Education Services
- and
- ◆ Whose educational needs require assistance in both educational and therapeutic areas that cannot be provided within the regular school program.
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- ◆ Students with mood/behavioral problems at home only, (not at school), would not be eligible for 26.5 services.

## REFERRAL PROCESS

When a child is not able to benefit from:

- ◆ His or her special education program
- and
- ◆ District counseling, psychological, behavior, or other support services

Your student’s School District can call an IEP meeting to consider a referral to your local Mental Health Department for assessment under “Chapter 26.5.”

Several things are considered in making the referral:

- ◆ The severity and duration of the problem
- ◆ How the student’s mood/behavior is affecting the educational program
- ◆ What counseling services the student has received
- ◆ How the student’s mood/behavior has changed over time
- ◆ Whether the student’s cognitive functioning is at a level sufficient to enable the student to benefit from mental health services.

## WHAT SERVICES ARE INCLUDED UNDER “Chapter 26.5”?

If the child is found eligible for mental health services, services always include:

- ◆ Individual assessment, and
- ◆ Treatment recommendations to parent and IEP team

They may include:

- ◆ Individual Therapy
- ◆ Group Therapy
- ◆ Collateral Services
- ◆ Medication monitoring (not including Medi-cal)
- ◆ Day treatment
- ◆ Case management

