



# Missouri's Educational Surrogate Training

**Where:** SSD Learning Center  
800 Maryville Center  
Chesterfield, MO 63017  
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**When:** Monday, November 12, 2007  
**Time:** 9:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
**Presenter:** Charlotte Spencer

**Sponsored By:** MO Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education - Special Education, Compliance

## Are you interested in becoming an Educational Surrogate?

This training is open to individuals wanting to volunteer their time to serve as an educational surrogate for students with disabilities.

### **What is an educational surrogate?**

An educational surrogate is a volunteer who fills the role of a parent for the student with a disability whenever decisions are being made about the student's educational placement and program.

### **Why do we need educational surrogates?**

Parents of children with disabilities are important members of a decision making team, which decides the appropriate educational program for their child. Sometimes for various reasons there is no one to fill this important role. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that states train and provide educational surrogates, an impartial individual, to fill the role of a parent.

### **Who can be an educational surrogate?**

Anyone who is 18 years old or older and has no conflict of interest concerning the child's education may serve as an educational surrogate. A criminal record check and child abuse or neglect check are required. Also, an educational surrogate may not be an employee of a public agency providing care, custody or educational services to the specific child in need of educational surrogate representation.

**Register for this training by completing the information below and mailing or faxing it to:**

Educational Surrogate Program  
Attn: Dana Desmond  
MO Department of Elementary & Secondary Education  
P. O. Box 480  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102  
Fax: (573) 526-5946

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**For more information, contact the Special Education Compliance Section at 573-751-0186 or by e-mail at [dana.desmond@dese.mo.gov](mailto:dana.desmond@dese.mo.gov).**