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TEXAS YOUTH COMMISSION

SPECIAL EDUCATION LIAISON PROGRAM



**ASSISTING TYC YOUTH
WITH DISABILITIES AS
THEY TRANSITION BACK
TO THEIR HOMES AND
COMMUNITIES**



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WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE TYC SPECIAL EDUCATION LIAISON (*SEL*) PROGRAM?

To assist in the smooth, successful transition of TYC youth with disabilities from state facilities to public schools, charter schools, or workforce development programs. The *SEL* seeks to ensure TYC youth with disabilities have the opportunity to receive a quality education, earn a high school diploma or GED, and acquire the essential skills to become re-established in society.

WHO ARE THE YOUTH QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FROM THE *SEL* PROGRAM?

Youth eligible to receive assistance from the *SEL* program are those who qualify for special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The majority of TYC youth exhibit the conditions of emotional disturbance, learning disabilities, and other health impairments.

WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY RESOURCES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE *SEL* PROGRAM?

- ❖ Assisting TYC youth in accessing appropriate education services.
- ❖ Orienting current and future service providers about TYC education and rehabilitation programs.
- ❖ Assisting school districts in their delivery of special education services for TYC youth.
- ❖ Tracking the placement and educational status of special education-eligible TYC youth.
- ❖ One-to-one student support.



WITH WHOM DOES THE *SEL* WORK?

The *SEL* works with parole officers, TYC Educational Liaisons, contract care and halfway house staff, and local school district administrators and teachers.



HOW CAN THE *SEL* PROGRAM ASSIST YOU?

The *SEL* has knowledge of federal and state special education laws and regulations. In addition, the *SEL* can assist you with:

- ❖ Questions related to program eligibility and availability.
- ❖ Interpretation of TYC educational policies, procedures, and programs.
- ❖ Communication with school personnel.
- ❖ Records location and retrieval.
- ❖ Consultation at Admission, Review, and Dismissal (ARD) meetings by special request.

