

## Surrogate Parent Online Professional Development Module

### Objectives

- Define surrogate parent as described in federal and state law.
- Identify requirements to become a surrogate parent in Florida.
- Identify the school district's responsibility in recruiting, training, appointing, and terminating surrogate parents.
- Describe the steps involved in becoming a surrogate parent, from application to termination.
- Identify which students need to have a surrogate parent appointed and list possible reasons for the appointment.
- Identify the duties and responsibilities of surrogate parents in working with Florida's exceptional students.
- Provide examples as to how surrogate parents can work effectively with schools.
- Provides examples of when surrogate parent services may be terminated.
- Identify and demonstrate an understanding of exceptional student program areas in Florida.
- Describe the basic steps in the exceptional education process in place for Florida's exceptional students who need specially designed instruction and related services.
- Describe the role of the surrogate parent on the individual educational planning team.
- Identify the federal and state laws related to surrogate parents and the role of the surrogate parent in working with exceptional students.
- Identify and describe procedural safeguards and their impact on surrogate parent rights and responsibilities.
- Explain why surrogate parents need a support crew and identify who may serve on the crew.
- Identify the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act with regard to surrogate parent eligibility, requirements, and student rights.
- Examine key background information which supports surrogate qualifications, responsibilities, rights, recruitment, appointment, oversight, and termination relevant to surrogate parents as described in state and federal law.

- Review Florida resources, supports and advocacy organizations relevant for surrogate parents.
- Review National resources, supports and advocacy organizations relevant for surrogate parents.