

HANDOUT: NCLB and IDEA—The next steps

Continue to be an informed parent and advocate for your child by doing the following:

- Share the information you have learned and your personal experiences with other parents.
- Talk with your principal about your school's parent involvement policy and parent compact. Under Title I of NCLB, parents must be included in the development of these two documents.
- See National PTA's website, www.pta.org, and click on the tabs, Issues & Action or Parent Resources for more information on NCLB and IDEA.
- Join National PTA's Member-to-Member Network—the grassroots advocacy system provides PTA members with direct contact with members of Congress and occasionally with federal regulatory agencies.
- Sign up for *This Week in Washington*—an electronic newsletter providing information on what's happening on Capitol Hill in terms of federal legislative issues that affect families, schools, and communities.
- Learn more about Special Education PTAs (SEPTAs) by calling National PTA's customer service department at (800) 307-NPTA (4782).

Here are some additional resources you may find helpful.

Re. the No Child Left Behind Act

- U.S. Department of Education's resource on the No Child Left Behind Act—
www.nclb.gov

Re. the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

- The Council for Exceptional Children— <http://www.cec.sped.org/>
- National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities—
www.nichcy.org/idealist.htm for information specific to the 2004 reauthorization of IDEA and its alignment with NCLB
- U.S. Department of Education's website for all topics, including special education—
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html?src=oc>