

## Sitka School District Surrogate Parent Training

A component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires districts to appoint a surrogate parent at such time as it becomes evident that a child with a disability does not have a parent or a person acting as a parent to participate in matters dealing with the provision of special education. For purposes of surrogate parent appointment, "parent" is defined as a biological parent, a guardian, or a person acting as a parent of a child including, but not limited to, a grandparent, a step parent, or a foster parent with whom the child lives. The term does not include the State if the child is a ward of the State. The term does not include a person whose parental rights have been terminated.

Sitka Borough School District (SSD) is given the responsibility to determine when a child with a disability who requires special education and who resides in the district is without a parent. The district must appoint a surrogate parent. Training for persons as surrogate parents will be provided by SSD. If you are interested in volunteering to serve as a surrogate parent, please contact Mandy Evans, Special Education Director, at (907) 966-1253.