

Fixing Special Education

Part 1:

Supremes' decision on special-ed sets higher standards for care

Called 'a recipe for financial disaster' by unhappy public-school admin groups

Part 2:

New, higher special-ed costs looming for State of Nevada

9th Circuit signals lack of patience with ploys districts have used to suppress costs

Part 3:

School systems have flouted special-ed law for decades

Los Angeles, Texas, New York exemplify noncompliance styles

Part 4:

CCSD asked for special-ed audit then attempted to hide results

Revealed: Records tampering, state and federal law violations, illegal IEP changes

Part 5:

2001: CCSD, State of Nevada lose precedent-setting Amanda J. case

Apparent shift in district's strategy follows: Fight until jury trial looms, then settle with parents

Part 6:

Special-ed has a fundamental problem: government rigidity blocks innovation

Leaves administrators stuck within a system-corrupting dilemma: kids vs costs

Part 7:

Autism, dyslexia, societal changes reveal a broken special-ed system

Foot-dragging school districts face future of increasingly costly settlements

Part 8:

'Right of exit' found key to genuine special-ed progress

School-choice programs for special-needs kids: Popular with parents, save states money

Conclusion:

The myth of the 'average brain' bites the dust

**Special-Needs Families:
Collateral Damage
in the War against ESAs**

*The Story of Linda and Sara
Chappelle, Ty'jahnae and Taliyah
Isaiah and his Mothers*