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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Webinar will answer education laws that military parents face when interacting with school system.

EVENT LOCATION

<https://militaryfamilieslearningnetwork.org/event/99648/>

Navigating Education Laws & Policies for Military Families with Special Needs.

There are over 1.3 active duty military families serving our country right now. While many Americans imagine these families work, live and attend school on a military installation, it's largely not true. Our 1.5 million military children live and attend school in local communities. Over 140,000 of those families have one or more family members and children with a special need – physical, mental, emotional, medical or educational. Any family with a child or adult with a special need knows that challenges are normal, but these challenges become magnified especially when a child with a special need is asked to move 6-9 times over a parent's career. This presentation will answer those core legal questions that parents face when interacting with a school system and highlight some of the difference in the rules from state to state.

PRESENTER

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Elizabeth Schuchs-Gopaul is a retired Air Force officer and mother of two children with special needs. She earned her law degree at the University of Georgia School of Law before embarking on a 22 years career as a Judge Advocate in the United States Air Force. As a parent, a spouse, an attorney and as a military member, she has over 12 years of experience in navigating the pitfalls, challenges and victories of the military PCS cycle with a special needs child. As a parent and a spouse, she has moved her family through four states, nine different schools and countless IEPs, 405s, ABA programs and medical specialists. As a military member and an attorney, she was the Air Force JAG Corps' first attorney to specialize in the area of the law in 2010. She created the first learning center for the Air Force legal community in Special Needs law and has published articles on Wrightslaw and in the Air Force Law Review and the American Bar Association (ABA) legal assistance review on education law issues faced by military children.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

- **Social Work, LPC, LMFT:** The MFLN Military Caregiving concentration will apply for continuing education (CE) credit from the UT Austin Steve Hicks School of Social Work for credentialed and licensed professionals (social workers, LPC, LMFT).
- **Case Manager:** This program has been submitted to the Commission for Case Manager Certification for approval to provide board certified case managers with 1.0 clock hours.
- **Board Certified Patient Advocates (BCPA):** This program has been pre-approved by The Patient Advocate Certification Board to provide continuing education credit to BCPA. The course has been approved for a total of 1.0 CE contact hour.
- **Certified Family Life Educators (CFLE):** This program has been approved by the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) for 1.0 CE credit for CFLE.
- **Certificates of completion** are available for participants interested in receiving training hours.

