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## DESE Announces New Parent Resources

In an effort to inform and educate the public regarding parents' rights in the special education process, the MO Office of Special Education has developed a 30 minute webinar titled "Parents' Rights Under IDEA." This webinar can be found on the DESE website at <a href="https://dese.mo.gov/special-education/compliance/parent-information">https://dese.mo.gov/special-education/compliance/parent-information</a>.

In addition, "The Parent's Guide to Special Education in Missouri" has been updated to clarify the special education process. Topics included in the Parent's Guide are:

Effective and Informed Parents
How Special Education Works in Missouri
The Evaluation Process
Individualize Education Program (IEP)
Parent and Child Rights
Resolving Disputes
Resources

These two resources were developed to assist parents and professionals to become more informed and effective in the special education process to benefit students with disabilities in Missouri. If you have questions or concerns about the webinar and/or the guidance document, please call the Compliance Section at 573-751-0699.

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