

## Supplemental Resources

The following offices are just a few places within the executive branch that offer additional guidance, resources, and support to help you learn more about the laws, codified into federal code, pertaining to educational rights.

### ***United States Department of Justice, Office of Civil Rights:***

<https://www.justice.gov/crt>

Established in 1957, this office within the Department of Justice enforces federal statutes that prohibit discrimination. Use the site to locate cases and matters pertaining to civil rights violations, learn how to file a complaint or report a civil rights violation, or learn more about the ways in which the Department of Justice works to uphold the promises of civil and educational rights in the United States.

### ***United States Department of Labor, Office of Disability and Employment Policy:***

<https://www.dol.gov/odep>

This office, authorized in a 2001 Department of Labor appropriation, focuses on policy and practices that impact individuals with disabilities in the workforce. While the office is a nonregulatory agency, ODEP provides money for programs that promote services and supports emphasizing access and the removal of barriers to employment for individuals with disabilities.

### ***United States Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights:***

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html>

The Office of Civil Rights, located within the US Department of Education, serves as the arm of the agency in charge of investigating complaints of discrimination filed by individuals or on behalf of individuals who believe that an educational institution that receives federal financial assistance violated their civil rights. The office also enforces all civil rights laws that extend to state education agencies, elementary and secondary schools, educational institutions, colleges and universities, and any other educational or vocational training programs that receive federal financial assistance.

### ***United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services:***

<https://sites.ed.gov/osers>

The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), located within the US Department of Education, comprises the offices that oversee the administration of the IDEA, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Education of the Deaf Act, the Act to Promote the Education of the Blind, the Hellen Keller National Center, the Randolph Shepherd Act, and subsequent amendments to these laws. The office plays a role in developing, implementing, and monitoring policies and the laws and regulations that impact the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families.