



THE PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE OF CALIFORNIA
and
THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR FEDERAL POLICY RESEARCH
invite you to attend a

***Luncheon Briefing: Federal Funding for
Disabled Education and California's
Receipts Under the "IDEA" Formula***

**Thursday, September 18, 2003
12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.
B-339 Rayburn House Office Building**

Please join us Thursday, September 18, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm in Room B-339 of the Rayburn House Office Building, when the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) and the California Institute host a lunch briefing regarding federal disabled education programs.

The federal law governing special education for children – the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) – is set to expire at the end of September. Congress is currently working to revise this nearly \$10 billion law, and a conference is possible in the next few weeks. IDEA funding is important to California: In fiscal year 2003, the state will receive nearly 10.5 percent of IDEA grant funding - a total of more than \$1 billion.

We will distribute copies of *Federal Formula Grants and California: Education Programs for Disabled Children*, a new report that examines the mechanics of the IDEA formulas that determine funding levels for California and other states and analyzes the state-by-state effects of formula-change scenarios. For example, California now guarantees education services for disabled children through age 18, while some other states provide services through later ages. Because the law provides an incentive for states to revise the age level upward, California's funding growth will soon begin to slow relative to that of other states.

This report is the fifth in an ongoing series reviewing California's share of federal formula grant programs. The next report in the series, scheduled for release in October, will examine the Head Start program. The series was developed at the request of the bipartisan leadership of California's congressional delegation and is produced by PPIC – an independent, nonpartisan research institute based in San Francisco – in collaboration with the California Institute for Federal Policy Research. The project's reports are available on the PPIC website at <http://www.ppic.org>, or you may sign up there for a mailed subscription.

To attend the lunch (acceptances only, thanks), e-mail randsdell@calinst.org, fax to 202-546-

2390, or call 202-546-3700. *And don't worry ... we'll be done before the hurricane hits!*