

## Special Education in Montana

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June 16, 2005  
Billings  
Mansfield Education Center  
1145 North 30th Street



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## ★ Presenter

**Kathleen Manley-Coburn** is an attorney in Missoula, Montana, where she concentrates much of her legal practice activity on special education issues. She worked as a special education, an elementary, a kindergarten and a preschool teacher for several years in school systems on the Flathead Indian Reservation. She now teaches in Corvallis, Montana, and is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Montana, where she teaches various courses. While a law student, she did an internship with the Disability Law Clinic at the Montana Advocacy Program (MAP), which focuses on legal issues applicable to all persons with disabilities. She earned her BS and MEd degrees, as well as her JD, from the University of Montana.

## ★ Topics

- ≈ Brief History of Special Education Laws and Legislation
- ≈ Special Education and the Montana System
- ≈ Special Education under the IDEA
  - ≈ Referral
  - ≈ Evaluations
  - ≈ Eligibility
  - ≈ Individual Education Plans (IEPS)
  - ≈ Discipline
  - ≈ Transition
  - ≈ Resolving Disputes
- ≈ Section 504
- ≈ The Montana Human Rights Act
- ≈ Panel Discussion

## ★ Overview

This is a one-day seminar designed for special educators, administrators, parents, counselors, educators, students, attorneys, or anyone that is interested in the laws that apply to children with disabilities in school in Montana. The focus is on Special Education in Montana covering key topics under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504.



## ★ Date and Location

June 16, 2005  
Mansfield Education Center  
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Billings, Montana  
406-237-8658

## ★ Agenda

8:30-9:00 a.m.	Registration opens
9:00-10:30 a.m.	Session begins
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45-12:00 p.m.	Session continues
Noon-1:00 p.m.	Lunch ( <i>provided</i> )
1:00-2:30 p.m.	Session continues
2:30-2:45 p.m.	Break
2:45-4:00 p.m.	Session wraps up

## ★ Learning Objectives

At the end of this day, participants should be able to leave with a general understanding of the following concepts:

- Special Education Law
- Key Court Cases
- Effective Advocacy

## ★ Scholarships and Credit

We are happy to pursue accreditation for any of our participant needs. At the time of the printing of this brochure, the following credit is available:

- Certificates of attendance for everyone
- OPI continuing education units for Montana teachers
- Montana Early Care and Education Career Development
- Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits for attorneys and paralegals

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## ★ Registration

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- **Fax** this form with payment information to: 406-255-0523
- **Telephone** 800-222-7585 to register
- **Internet** at <http://www.pluk.org/training/SPEDlaw.htm>

### Participant Information

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Role  Parent  Professional  Educator  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title \_\_\_\_\_

Agency or School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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### Credit

I would like to request credit:

- OPI continuing education units – 6 hours
- Early Care and Education Career Development – 6 hours
- Continuing Legal Education Credit – 5 hours

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- \$75 each for two or more registrants
- \$50 for full-time students
- \$50 for parents

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