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**LEGAL SERVICES NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS REQUIREMENTS FOR
OBTAINING A REAL ID AND HOW TO REQUEST SPECIAL EDUCATION
SERVICES**

EDISON — This month's newsletter of Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) focuses on requirements for a REAL ID and special education services.

The bilingual publication, "Looking Out For Your Legal Rights," may be viewed online at www.lsnjlaw.org/media-center/publications.

The newsletter emphasizes that by law anyone who plans to fly within the U.S. or visit any restricted federal facilities must have a REAL ID or passport.

The requirements for getting a REAL ID from the NJ Department of Motor Vehicles are far more stringent and complicated than obtaining a regular driver's license. Generally, they must be obtained in person at designated MVC locations and applicants must show at least proof of address, Social Security number and various proofs identity.

A complete list of the needed documents and how to apply a necessary combination of them is available at www.nj.gov/mvc/realid/selector.html. For an appointment for a REAL ID visit <https://telegov.njportal.com/njmvc/AppointmentWizard/12>.

Additionally, for more information contact the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission at (609) 292-6500.

With the start of the new school year, special education services are available for students with behavior, mental health, emotional, or communication problems if requested by parents or guardians who want their children evaluated by the school's child study team.

A meeting to discuss the request must be scheduled within 20 calendar days. If the request is denied, there are various procedures for appeal. Further, before the actual recommended program is implemented, parents must approve.

The newsletter article spells out 14 defined disabilities, and is not limited to academic performance.

Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ), located in Edison, provides free essential legal aid in civil matters to low-income people.