

KSRA

I apologize for being so late in adding this to the list of items for the lawyers to consider as we all work to develop the who we are and what we do agenda.

While I was at a community event in Plano with Claire from FVSRA, we were approached and chatting with a family who was part of an "SRA" in Plano. Claire and I listened to learn more and when speaking to this individual explained what both are SRA's do and the areas of cover, we quickly learned that this was just a group of families that get their children with special needs together and do program. All volunteer based, with a FB page as we looked it up. We were both concerned about this. I reached out to Jason at IAPD about it and while there is not legal actions we can take as our names are not trademarked, he said he would keep it on his radar. I am sure his radar is full, so this is not where near a priority nor a concern for him.

But as we are looking to get some guidelines/templates/rules/regulations, however we are going to create our next steps, I think the use of the "SRA" name should be included so to keep sacred what we do and HOW we serve our families. One of the fears I had when talking to this family, while good intentioned, they are using what families know to create something that is not the standard that we would provide. This may be irrational, but with a lot of families and community individuals popping up shops to serve, this could be a concern. We all work hard to ensure our work is successful, safe and therapeutic. Where their goal is fun, not a bad thing, with minimal support behind them other than family support.

Plano is not in either of our districts, so those families have the opportunity to attend either of our programs.