

# Special Education:

Having a voluntary, safe, and non-adversarial forum for discussion is key to resolving difficult issues that may arise in planning. In a “safe” forum, participants can express their concerns and offer solutions privately and confidentiality with a focus on reaching mutual agreement.

Through a grant from the Michigan Department of Education, we offer the following services to parents and schools at no cost:

- IFSP, IEPT and Resolution Meeting Facilitation – Neutral facilitators can help parents, educators, and service providers to do their best work in planning for children and young adults with special needs. Facilitators can organize or support meetings so participants can focus on the issues, contribute ideas, and create solutions together. Successful meetings result in IFSPs, IEPs and resolution meeting agreements appropriate for the circumstances.
- Mediation – Mediation is voluntary and confidential. It aids parties in resolving disputes over special education and early intervention issues, and those that arise from IFSP and IEP implementation. A neutral mediator fosters a cooperative discussion. The parties alone make the final decisions. If a decision cannot be reached, the parties can move to a due process or state complaint. A successful mediation can result in a written, signed agreement that can serve in lieu of a resolution meeting agreement or be incorporated into an IFSP or an IEP.

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