

Facilitated IEP Services at the Indiana IEP Resource Center



WHEN FIEP MIGHT BE NEEDED

A parent or school might consider requesting an FIEP when:

- The case conference committee is spending more time trying to resolve conflicts than working on activities that promote student achievement and success
- Multiple case conferences have been convened with little or no resolution
- One or more case conference committee members believes their voice is not being heard
- There is a lot of new information to be processed or the student's situation is particularly complex
- Team members would like to create better understanding
- Team members want help staying focused on the IEP process
- There is a particular disagreement that the team wants to make progress on.

WHAT IS FIEP?

An FIEP is an option available at the request of schools and parents for conflict prevention and resolution. This service is provided at no cost to parents or schools.

A trained impartial professional (facilitator) helps the case conference committee with the IEP process. The facilitator:

- Keeps the meeting focused on the student
- Ensures everyone at the table has a voice
- Encourages active listening by all participants
- Helps to keep team members on task and within the time allotted for the meeting
- Maintains impartiality and does not take sides, place blame or determine if a particular decision is right or wrong
- Is not a committee member and does not impose a decision on the group.

BENEFITS OF FIEP

- Builds and improves relationships between families and schools.
- Keeps the case conference focused on the student.
- Models effective communication and listening.
- Identifies agreements and clarifies and seeks to resolve disagreements.
- Supports better follow through and follow-up, as roles and responsibilities are discussed and planned.



For additional information or to request FIEP Services:

Visit the IEPRC website at www.indianaieprc.org or call the IEPRC office at

(317) 757-8297 to obtain a request form.

Submit the completed and signed form by faxing to **(317) 672-2839**

Or mailing to:

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