Student Centered Outcomes to Dispute Resolution: Raising the Bar on Corrective Actions

District of Columbia Practice Review: Sample Corrective Actions

Complaint	Violation	Special Considerations	Corrective Action
Hearing Officer Decision (HOD) 1	Failure to include in the IEP a discussion and description of student's LRE and placement along the continuum of alternative placements.	Student was involved in many extra-curricular activities and the parents were concerned about fitting traditional tutoring services into the student's schedule.	Fund the cost of an educational summer program.
HOD 2	Failure to provide IEP services at the school program in the adult jail.	Student's incarceration prevented access to compensatory education services; student would be 20 years old upon release from jail and was concerned about returning to a traditional high school setting.	Upon student's release from jail, LEA must fund a GED study course and specialized education tutoring services.
State Complaint 1	Failure to have an IEP in effect at the start of the school year.	Parents were concerned about the student's social skills development.	Fund the student's participation in an afterschool robotics club.
State Complaint 2	Failure to provide post-secondary transition services.	Parents wanted a remedy that would truly help the student prepare for life after high school graduation.	LEA must help arrange an internship for the student in a field related to the student's postsecondary transition goals.

Sample Parent Guide: Independent Education Evaluations & Compensatory Education

Independent Educational Evaluation Providers				
Provider Name and Contact Info.	Type of Assessments Conducted	Other Information		
Speech Language Solutions 100 1 st Street NW (202) 111-1111	Speech and Language	Can conduct evaluations in Spanish.		
Physical Therapists of Washington 200 1 st Street NW (202) 222-2222	Physical Therapy	Can conduct evaluations on weekends.		
DC Therapy Center 300 1 st Street NW (202) 333-3333	Occupational Therapy	Can conduct evaluations on weekends.		
Social Solutions DC 400 1 st Street NW (202) 444-4444	Social History, Functional Behavioral Analysis	Can conduct evaluations at student's school.		
Technology Systems 500 1 st Street NW (202) 555-5555	Assistive Technology	Can conduct evaluations in the evening.		
Washington Audiological Group 600 1 st Street NW (202) 666-6666	Audiological	Can conduct evaluations in the evening.		
DC Psychology Group 700 1 st Street NW (202) 777-7777	Psychological, Neurological	Can conduct evaluations in Spanish.		

Compensatory Education Service Providers

Provider Name and Contact Info.	Type of Services Provided	Other Information
Education Solutions DC 800 1 st Street NW (202) 888-8888	Individualized Specialized Instruction	Can provide services in your home, can provide services in Spanish and Chinese.
DC Therapy Center 300 1 st Street NW (202) 333-3333	Occupational Therapy	Can provide services on weekends.
Physical Therapists of Washington 200 1 st Street NW (202) 222-2222	Physical Therapy	Can provide services on weekends.
Social Solutions DC 400 1 st Street NW (202) 444-4444	Behavioral Support Services	Can provide services at the student's school.
Speech Language Solutions 100 1 st Street NW (202) 111-1111	Speech Pathology Services	Can provide services in Spanish.

Discussion Questions:

- How can dispute resolution parties collaborate to develop culturally competent remedies that take into account family centered needs? (i.e., travel concerns, child care needs, after-school/work obligations, etc.)
- What are the benefits to each party using student centered and culturally competent corrective actions?
- Where in the dispute resolution process can SEAs and LEAs appropriately facilitate conversation with families about the options for remedies?
- How can families and advocates communicate requested remedies and at what points during the dispute resolution process is this communication most effective?
- How can missed service hours (compensatory education hours) be individualized?
- Are there any types of awards or services that your State has found success with for students?
- What are the largest obstacles to ensuring the access to or use of remedies by families?
- What are the limiting factors for state education agencies (SEAs) and local education agencies (LEAs) when developing student specific remedies? How can these obstacles be overcome?
- How will collaboration by families and agencies on potential remedies impact early dispute resolution?