Early Intervention Mediation

Conversations for Empowered Solutions

How can it help me?

Mediation is a due process right available to parents in the Early Intervention Program. Mediation is a voluntary process under Part C of the IDEA that brings people together to resolve disagreements.

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Right to Due Process

A mediation is a facilitated meeting to express concerns and explore solutions with the guidance of a mediator. All parties are encouraged to actively participate in the process. The mediator helps parties to communicate and understand each other. The focus is to reach an agreement that satisfies everyone's needs. The mediator helps parties focus on the future and to make their own decisions. The outcome is decided by the parties.

Mediators must meet training and experience requirements set by Part 146 of the Rules of the Chief Administrative Judge.

The Community Dispute Resolution Centers (CDRCs) are a statewide network of nonprofit organizations providing quality dialogue and dispute resolution services in their communities.

NYS Dispute Resolution Association

NYS Dispute Resolution Association is the association of the centers and serves as the agency that conducts all mediations requested by parents in the New York State Early Intervention Program.

Contact Us

NYSDOH Bureau of Early Intervention

Submit a request for mediation to your early intervention official.

A sample request form is located at the NYSDOH Bureau of Early Intervention website under:

https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/0532

Sample Letters in Early Intervention Steps: A Parent's Guide to the Early Intervention Program at

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