

FIVE FAST FACTS FOR FRIDAY

Facilitated Individualized Education Program (FIEP)



- Parents and districts have access to a new free program offered by the New Jersey Department of Education called facilitated IEP.
- The purpose is to promote student-centered IEP meetings that are conducted in a respectful and collaborative manner and to maximize district-level capacity to develop student-centered IEPs and minimize state-level procedural protections and interventions.
- This option uses a third party (facilitator) to promote effective communication and assist the IEP team in developing a mutually agreeable IEP.
- The facilitator is a person specifically trained, but who is not an employee of the district or the Office of Special Education Policy and Procedure, and who has no interest in advocating for either side. The facilitator is specifically trained to promote discussion between the parties and focus on collaborative efforts resulting in a mutually agreed upon IEP.
- Either parents or the school district can request IEP Facilitation. Both parties must agree in order for facilitation to occur.