



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2023-2024 Meeting Schedule*

10:00 a.m.

South County Regional Education Center (800 National City Blvd,
National City)

RESOURCE FAIR	AUG. 3, 2023
INTERNET SAFETY & SECURITY	SEPT. 5, 2023
IEP BASICS & KEY COMPONENTS	OCT. 12, 2023
PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS EXPLAINED	NOV. 2, 2023
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION(ADR) REVIEW	DEC. 7, 2023
SECONDARY TRANSITION	JAN. 11, 2024
MANAGING BEHAVIORS IN THE HOME	FEB. 1, 2024
MENTAL HEALTH	MARCH 7, 2024
PRESCHOOL TO KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION	APR 4, 2024
ART AND AWARD SHOW	MAY 23, 2024 4:30 – 6:00 P.M.

*SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Aug., 2023



South County SELPA ADR Team Presents:

Do I Need Alternative Dispute Resolution?

Heidi Lyon, Nitza Romero, and Mayra Jaramillo



TODAY'S AGENDA

- ❑ What is Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)?
- ❑ Benefits of ADR
- ❑ ADR Options
- ❑ Do I need ADR?
- ❑ How to request services?
- ❑ ADR process



**How has your experience
been with special education?**



ACTIVITY



Where can I go if I have a question about my child's IEP?



My child's case manager
and/or service provider



My child's principal



Special Education
Department at your
District Office



SELPA Office,
if applicable



What is ADR?



I am right



Me too

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is a **voluntary** process for resolving special education conflict in a **neutral** respectful, and caring environment. It uses clear communication, **collaboration**, negotiation, and mediation to produce a fair agreement that meets the interest of all parties involved . The ADR process allows the parties to come up with an **innovative** and jointly agreeable outcome.



Benefits of ADR

- ✓ **Free**
- ✓ **Confidential**
- ✓ **Fast and Convenient**
- ✓ **Collaborative Results**
- ✓ **Legal Protection**
- ✓ **Individualization**



Do I need ADR?

- ➡ **Do you have questions about your child's IEP?**
- ➡ **Do you feel you could contribute more in the development of your child's IEP?**
- ➡ **Do you have any concerns that are not being addressed by your IEP team?**

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may benefit from ADR.



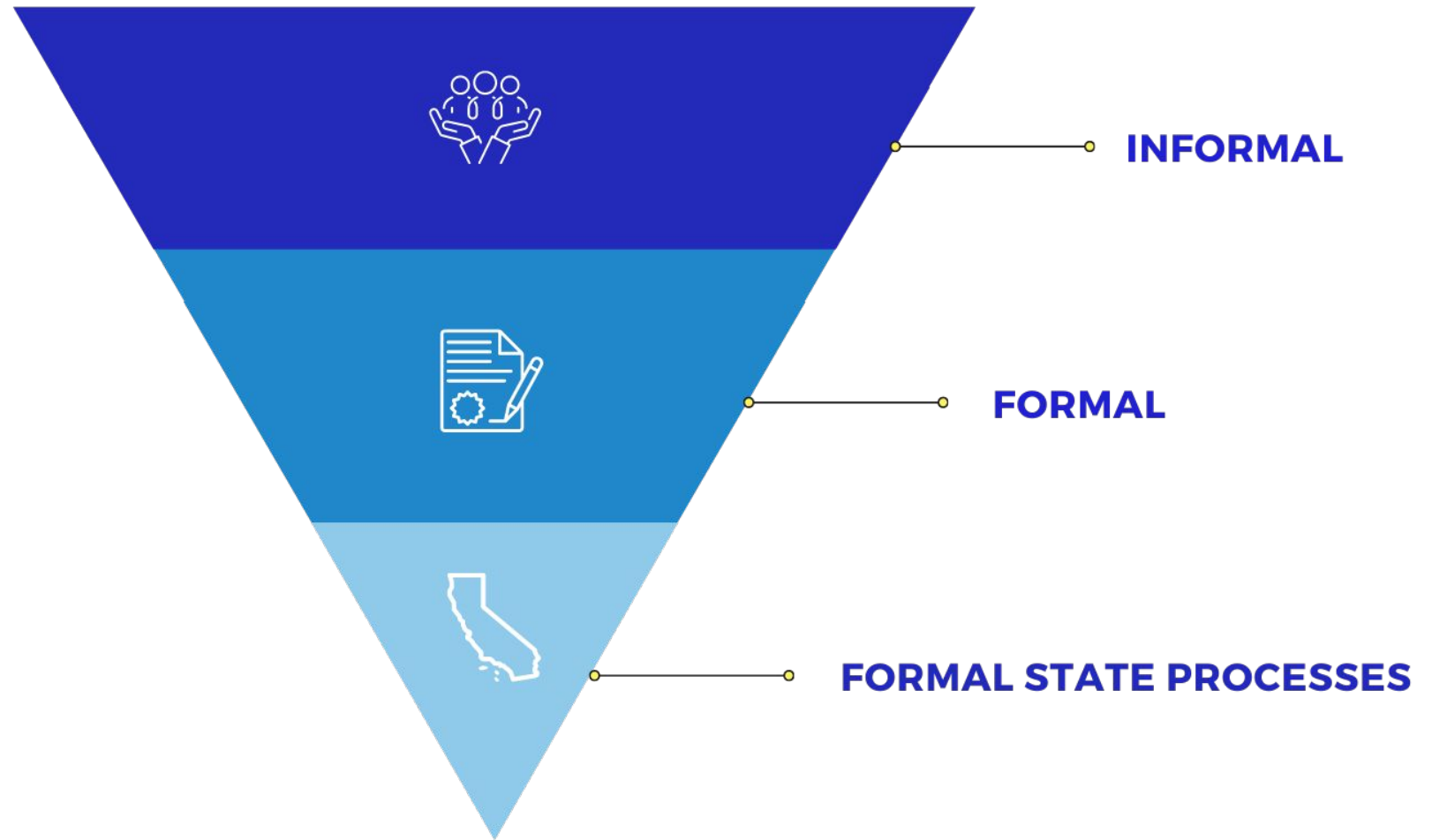
ADR Tip



ADR services can address disagreements in identification, evaluation and placement of students.



Continuum of Supports



Types of ADR

INFORMAL

Special Education Parent Liaison
Neutral SELPA Case Review
Neutral SELPA IEP Support

FORMAL

Facilitated IEP
Early Dispute Resolution Mediation
Facilitated Resolution Meeting



Special Education Parent Liaison

- ★ Parents of children with special needs
- ★ Over 45 combined years of experience
- ★ Bilingual
- ★ Neutral



**Laura
Cervantes**



**Liliana
Armenta**

Special Education Parent Liaison

- ✓ IEP Attendance and Support
- ✓ Assist Parent in the following:
 - Understanding IEP process
 - Educating on Student's disability
 - Understanding parent/student's rights
 - Encouraging parent participation at school
 - Utilizing community services available
- ✓ Provide other resources
- ✓ All services are **FREE**
- ✓ All service are **CONFIDENTIAL**



Special Education Parent Liaison

- ➡ Referral Process
- ➡ Form
 - Online
 - Phone Call
 - Ask the District Representative



Special Education Parent Liaison

Offer meetings through

- phone calls
- video calls
- home visits
- community visits (i.e. coffee shop, library)
- office visits (school or SELPA)



Neutral SELPA Case Review

- ➡ Gather information and provide analysis of the current area of concern.
- ➡ Neutral may provide recommendations on how to resolve concerns to both parties.
- ➡ If both parties agree, Neutral SELPA Coordinator supports by reviewing case and providing recommendations.



Neutral SELPA IEP Support

Recommended when the IEP meeting would benefit from the added support of a neutral to:

- ➡ Ask for clarification
- ➡ Ensure positive reciprocal communication



Facilitated IEP Meeting

- ➡ Neutral (SELPA or Third Party)
- ➡ Recommended when parties are unable to reach agreement through the options available under Informal ADR.
- ➡ The Neutral will facilitate a formal IEP meeting to address concerns related to the IEP.



Early Dispute Resolution Mediation

- ➡ Recommended when a consensus cannot be reached in an IEP meeting.
- ➡ A trained mediator works with parents and districts to resolve a prospective dispute at the earliest opportunity.



Facilitated Resolution Mediation

- ➡ A neutral facilitator(s) helps parties complete the legally required resolution meeting in a collaborative manner.
- ➡ Recommended as an option following the filing for a due process hearing.

How to request ADR services?



Phone Call



Email



Walk-Up (Resource Fairs,
Conferences, School Events)



Website (Google Form)



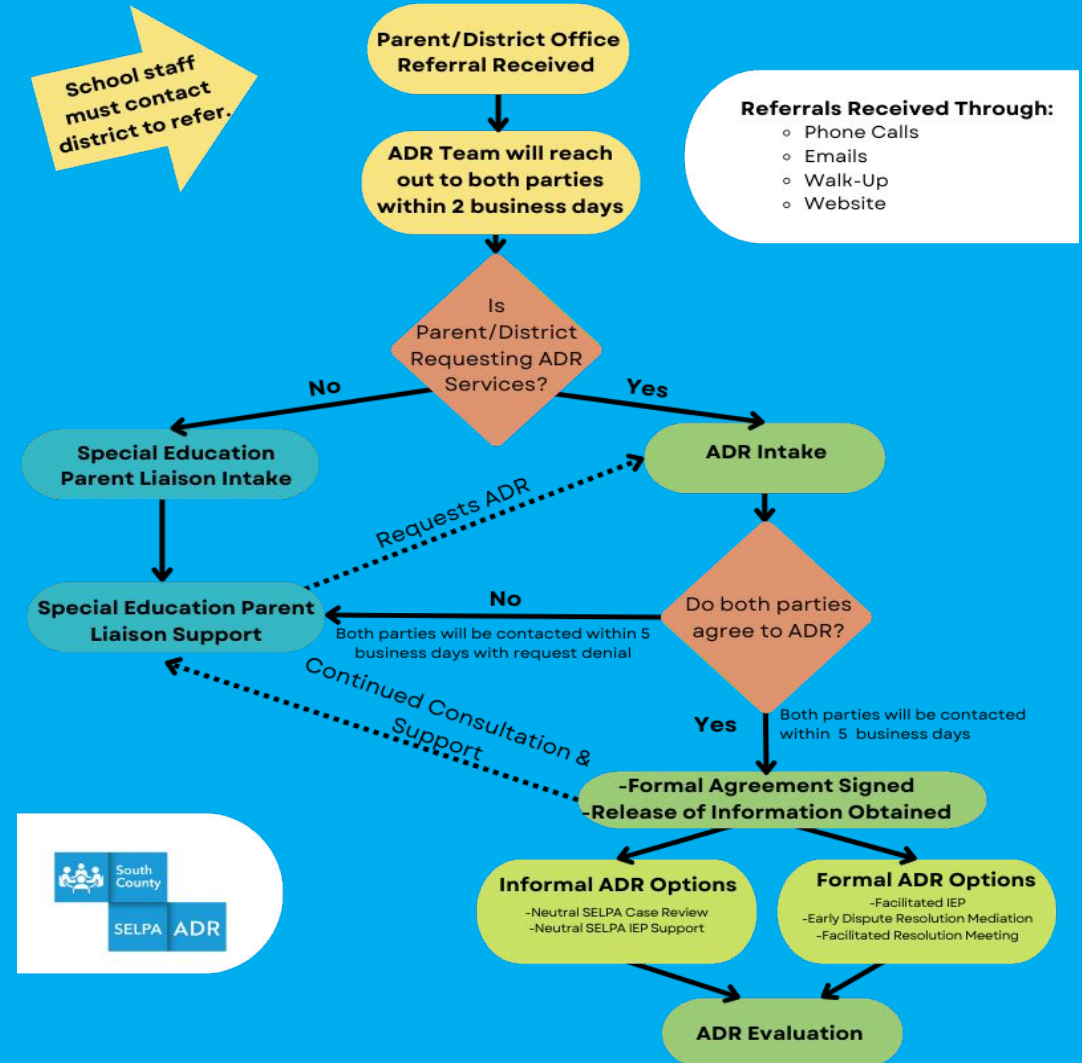
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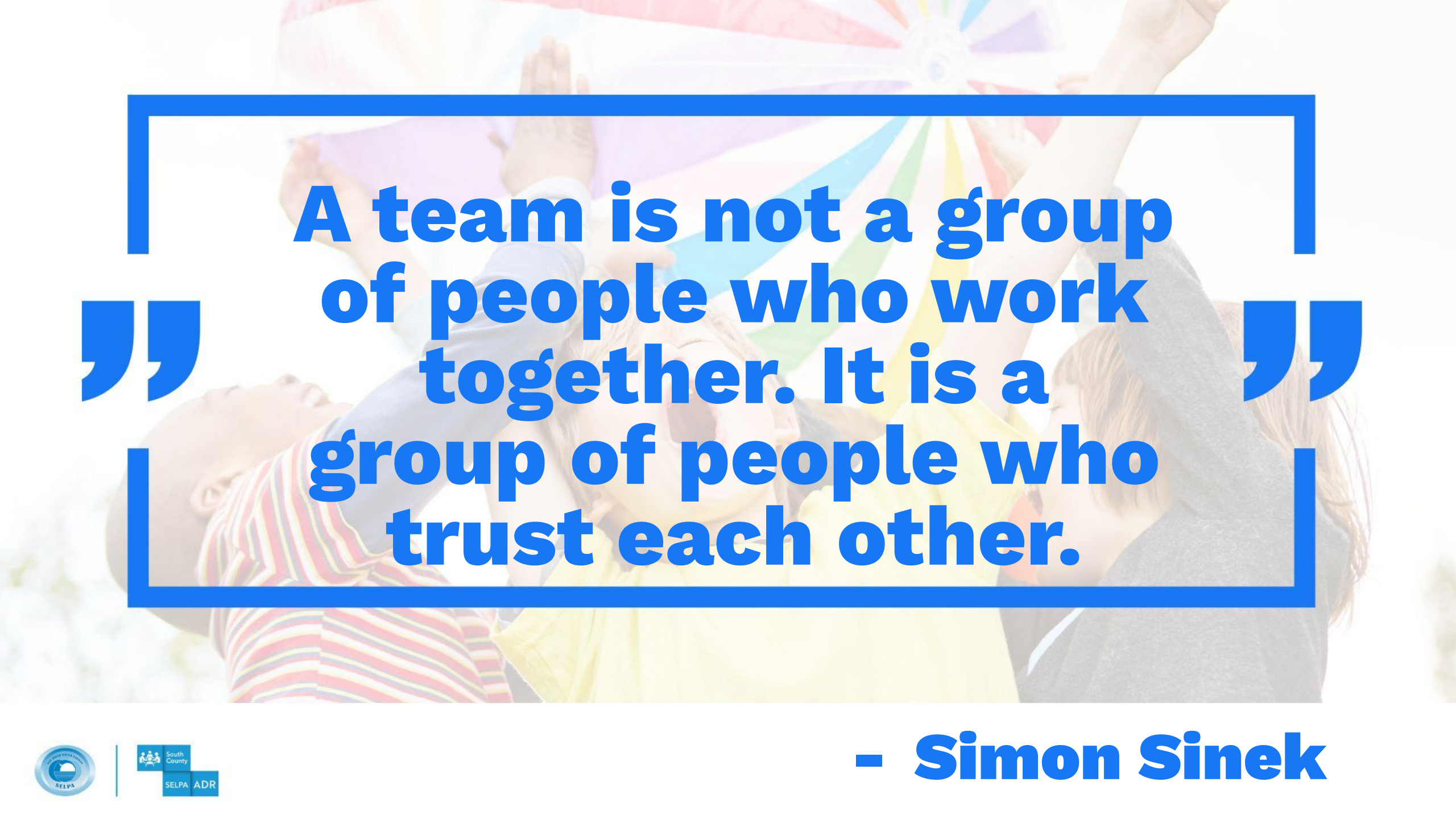


Mayra Jaramillo

South County SELPA ADR Referral Process



July 21, 23



**A team is not a group
of people who work
together. It is a
group of people who
trust each other.**

- Simon Sinek



Parent IEP Academy

Presented by the South County SELPA Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Team

The South County SELPA believes parent/educator engagement is a critical component in supporting the success of a student during their educational journey. Educating parents in the components of the IEP, the parent's role and the importance of communication and collaboration is the cornerstone to this engagement.

Topics covered within this 5-part workshop series include:

- Session 1: Assessment and Timelines
- Session 2: Present Levels
- Session 3: Goals, Special Factors
- Session 4: Offer of Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)
- Session 5: After the Meeting

Intended Audience: Families with children who are currently being assessed for special education services and families whose students receive special education services in South County SELPA districts.

A Certificate of Completion will be presented to everyone who attends all sessions.



Dates: Wednesdays
Jan. 17, 24, 31 and Feb. 7, 21
Time: 5 to 6 p.m.



Location: Conducted via Zoom virtual attendance

OMS Registration Link:
<http://sdcoe.k12oms.org/1036-239544>

Cost: FREE

For more information contact Mayra Jaramillo
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Workshop aligns with the following:
LCAP State Priorities: 3, 6
Equity Blueprint: Family Community Voice
North Star Goal: Belonging and Relationships





Check-in to Create Connections

Join the South County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) on Zoom for 30 minutes of connecting the dots in your child's IEP and connecting with others in the special education community.



Date	Time
July 12	noon to 12:30 p.m.
Aug. 9	3 to 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	noon to 12:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	3 to 3:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	noon to 12:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	3 to 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	noon to 12:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	3 to 3:30 p.m.
March 13	noon to 12:30 p.m.
April 10	3 to 3:30 p.m.
May 8	noon to 12:30 p.m.
June 12	3 to 3:30 p.m.

Scan the QR code or go to [zoom.com/join](https://zoom.us/join) and type in meeting ID: 851 2590 6937



Thank you!

Questions
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