ADR Benefits:

- ➢ Student-centered
- ➢ Restorative
- ➢ Timely
- ➢ Less stressful
- ➢ Proactive
- ➢ Solution-focused
- ➢ Collaborative

ADR Outcomes:

1. Amendments to IEPs
2. Confidential settlement agreements
3. Signed IEPs
4. Trust built
5. Long-term partnerships

The ADR Process



Common Special Education Acronyms

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Alternative Dispute Resolution

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Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is an effective process for **ALL** families of students with disabilities, and the school districts who serve them, to resolve disagreements at NO COST to the parent/guardian.

Recommendations to Consider:

1. Review your child's IEP and write down the areas in which you have questions, concerns, or disagreements.
2. Connect with district staff (Case Manager, Program Specialist, Special Education Director)
3. Contact South East SELPA for additional resources.
4. If your concerns are not resolved with the IEP team, IEP facilitation or local mediation may be appropriate.
5. Submit a request for ADR services. These can be found on the SELPA website in the following languages.
   - English
   - Vietnamese
   - Spanish

ADR

What: ADR is a process for reaching mutually agreeable educational solutions through productive and respectful communication.

Who: The SELPA will connect districts to qualified ADR facilitators to help resolve any conflict between parent/guardian with children in special education and the school district.

How: ADR uses communication, collaboration, negotiation, and medication to produce an agreement that meets the interests of the parties involved.

Why: The ADR process does not prevent any future use of due process procedures, which can be initiated at any time by either party. Assistance is provided at no cost, and all participants are legally bound to an agreement to maintain confidentiality.

Available Resources

South East Consortium SELPA: https://www.mpesd.org/Page/5002

Parents Helping Parents: https://www.php.com/

Summary of Parent's Rights: https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/qa/pssummary.asp

Procedural Safeguards in Various Languages: https://www.mpesd.org/Page/5253

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: https://sites.ed.gov/idea/

The Center for Appropriate Dispute Resolution: https://www.cadreworks.org/for-families

IEP Preparation Resources: https://www.purchinconsulting.com/resources/