



Parenting Outside of the Box Children at Laura's Library
Wednesday, March 1st 10:30am - 12:00pm

This month's topic: The Facilitated IEP:
A Collaborative Approach to Your Child's Education

Facilitating IEPs (Individualized Education Programs) or, in Texas, Facilitating ARDs (Admission, Review, and Dismissal) is a term used to describe an approach on the rise in special education.

This facilitation approach applies skills and knowledge from the fields of group dynamics, conflict resolution, communication and meeting management to IEP or ARD meetings.

Facilitation is a process in which a person intervenes to help a group improve how it identifies, discusses, solves problems & makes decisions...thus increasing the group's effectiveness. Find out more about how this new approach can help you in achieving an effective IEP for your child.

Linda McDaniel (M.Ed.) has over 35 years school experience with a majority of her work in special education administration in a large urban district, small suburban districts and a non-profit, private inclusive preschool. Her years as a special education director provided opportunities to work collaboratively with families in developing programs and services for students with special needs.

Linda has served as a 504 Hearing Officer and as an expert witness in legal disputes concerning special education. She is currently employed by Region XIII Education Service Center and trains in the areas of communications conflict resolution, collaborative processes to support collaboration between schools and parents, special education funding, compliance. and monitoring for continuous improvement.

About the Series:

Whether your child is diagnosed with special needs, or their particular challenges have yet to be identified, or if they are spirited, struggle with reading or writing, have sensory issues, have learning, emotional or behavioral differences, or fall into the quirky kid category, we'll explore the means to help you help your child here in the Westlake area with monthly guest speakers and parent discussions. This series is targeted toward parents of children throughout Eanes ISD whether in public, private, or home schooling and is open to everyone.

Questions? Please contact BPE parent Denise Bluestein at dwbluestein@interaction.net

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