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Informal alternatives to resolve special education disputes:

- Resolution Sessions
- Facilitated IEP
- Independent Educational Advocate

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The coordinator acts as a neutral third party to ease the way to a solution. You and the other party work through a proven process to create your own written agreement. Your voluntary signature signifies your commitment to uphold the resolution. If an agreement cannot be reached, either party may request state level assistance. Parental rights are not compromised.

Who will help you?
Trained facilitators work with you to find resolution. The session is made up of the parents, special educators, and the administrator who is responsible for the student’s program.

How do I Benefit from ADR Options?

• More Satisfaction
The process is more satisfying than legal action. Courts dictate decisions. ADR allows the parties in conflict to control and shape their own agreement. A collaborative working relationship between parents and district personnel is maintained and often improved.

• Less Cost
ADR options are provided at no cost. The expense of one resolution session is less than one hour of attorney time.

• Faster
Formal state level Due Process has a 45-day timeline. Use of ADR options does not delay the timeline for Due Process.

• Convenient
Meetings are held at a site agreeable to both parties.

• Confidential
Everyone involved in the ADR process is bound by agreement and law to maintain confidentiality.

Looking for an Independent Educational Advocate?
For information on finding a qualified Independent Educational Advocate at no cost to the family please contact the SELPA.

Note: ADR in no way is intended to impede the IEP process. Districts and parents may choose to proceed with the IEP process when a facilitator or advocate is not available.