

NEWS & VIEWS

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NAVIGATING LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN SUPPORTING SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES



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Proactive Communication with Parents Helps Prevent Escalation and Legal Disputes

Building trust with families can be the best line of defense against litigation! In our latest Webinar Wednesday, Jennifer Donnelly, the former Executive Director of the Program for Exceptional Children at Bibb County Schools in Georgia, shared several ways that you can build trust with families while serving your students well.

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Continue to send positive information home [to] families.

-J. Donnelly, on what to do when building trust

Top 3 Legal Concerns for Parents

- 1 Student has access to free, appropriate, public education (FAPE).
- 2 Concerns about student's IEP development or progress.
- 3 Student has access to appropriate behavior supports.

[Watch the webinar](#) & learn to address these concerns!

KEEP FAMILIES IN THE KNOW WITH PARENT INVOLVEMENT BROCHURES!

Available in all Project Discovery materials!

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FREE IEP CHECKLIST INCLUDED BELOW

Due Process Implementation Internal Checklist

Need a little more structure to ensuring you are fully implementing IEP requirements for your students? This checklist is a great way to get started!

	Person Responsible	Date of Check	Observed or Documented	Notes:
Communication: daily / weekly				
Goal/Objective Progress				
Behavior Intervention Plan				
Evaluations: Psychological Speech OT PT AT FBA			Requested In-Progress Completed	
Accommodations				
Services				
Training				
Equipment				

Need more support or materials to get your students ready for success beyond the classroom? Contact us!
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IEP implementation can be difficult; you are juggling accessibility concerns in the classroom, communicating with families, meetings, and more.

Need a little help keeping track of everything? Check out this FREE internal checklist you can use with your team after IEP meetings!

[DOWNLOAD THE CHECKLIST](#)

Looking for the missing piece?

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SPOTLIGHT ON

SUCCESS

Job & Life Readiness is Happening at the Lakewood School District, New Jersey Transition Lab



Lakewood High School has created a transition lab where students are practicing job and life readiness skills! This immersive classroom is a space that simulates a real-life apartment, complete with a kitchen, laundry area, living room, bedroom, & office. Students can learn, practice, and gain confidence in skills like cooking, doing laundry, housekeeping, managing personal finances, and more.

From practicing in the classroom...

As students master these skills, they are prepared to participate in the job placement program, where they have the chance to gain experience at places like Applebee's, ShopRite, & Sodexo. Parents, students, and employers alike are excited by student success. Learning skills in the classroom increases students' confidence in their abilities to live and work independently.



... to landing a job placement!

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Thank you! Project Discovery has played a key role in helping us lay a strong foundation in preparing our students for work-based learning opportunities.

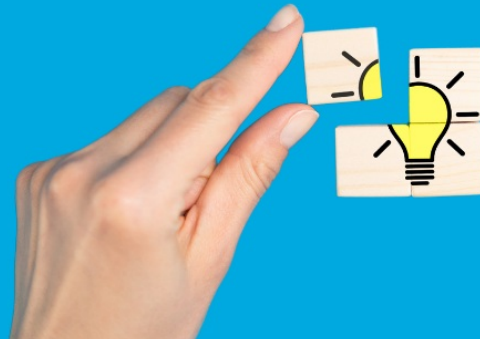
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