

# The Special Education Process in North Dakota

## PATHFINDER Workshop Series



The **Special Education Process in North Dakota** is series of workshops developed by Pathfinder Services of ND. Whether you are a parent of children with learning difficulties, or a professional who provides services for these families and their children, these workshops are designed to help you understand how special education is implemented in the state of North Dakota. The information presented in these workshops comes from the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) Office of Special Education and the Center for Parent Information and Resources training curriculum *Building the Legacy: IDEA*.

## Workshops

### The Top 10 Basics of the Special Education Process

If you are a parent or professional beginning your journey through the special education process in North Dakota, this workshop is for you. You will learn the basic steps of the special education process from referral to the annual review of the student's individualized education program (IEP).



### The Why, What, and How of the Special Education Evaluation Process

This two-part workshop answers many of the key questions often asked about the North Dakota special education evaluation process. Part 1 is designed to help you understand why a special education evaluation is completed and what the key requirements of a special education evaluation are. Part 2 reviews each of the key components of the evaluation process and several of the IDEA requirements that are embedded within each one.



### Building an Individualized Education Program (IEP)

This two-part workshop helps parents and professionals the process and the framework of an appropriate and individualized education program. Part 1 summarizes IEP timelines, the qualifications and responsibilities of required IEP team members, and guidance on building and maintaining a strong partnership between all IEP team members. Part 2 provides an overview of the main purposes of the IEP planning process, including a decision making framework comprised of the key IEP components included in the North Dakota IEP process.



### Creating Stronger Partnerships through Dispute Resolution

This workshop provides a review of the importance of positive and productive communication skills in building strong partnerships, presenting an overview of each of the formal dispute resolution options available through the IDEA, with a focus on the benefits of each option and the process to request the dispute resolution option in ND.



# About our Workshops



## PATHFINDER SERVICES OF ND

Host an in-person workshop in your area! Our workshops are a great opportunity for parents, youth and young adults, and professionals to gain in-depth knowledge, get hands-on experience, and learn evidence-based strategies. Our presenters will help you understand a topic and practice what to do under real-world conditions. Our workshops are also a great opportunity to meet and network with families and professionals.

*Pathfinder Services of ND is a **statewide** organization, so our workshops are available throughout North Dakota.*

### Interested in hosting one of our workshops?

Parent organizations, schools, and professional agencies are welcome to contact Pathfinder Services of ND for information on how to schedule a workshop in their area. Workshop sessions can be tailored to meet individual group needs and interests. Our workshops include interactive activities and related resources. Contact us at [info@pathfinder-nd.org](mailto:info@pathfinder-nd.org) or 701-857-7500 to learn more.

Eligibility is determined on the following criteria:

- ✓ Geographic location
- ✓ Target audience with parents of children with learning difficulties and professionals working with families and students who have learning difficulties
- ✓ Projected attendance numbers
- ✓ Host group providing space and publicity

### Presentations on our Available Services

We can also present to your staff on our projects and the various services we offer. These topics include:

- Pathfinder Services of ND: Creating Pathways for North Dakotans
- Special Education Process in ND Webinar Series
- Experienced Parent Program
- North Dakota Secondary Transition Project
- The Parents Matter Initiative



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