

THE ROLE OF THE INTERPRETERS IN IEPs AND SPECIAL EDUCATION MEETINGS



PRESENTED BY DR. CHERYL ORTIZ

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WORKSHOP DETAILS

This updated 3-hour workshop provides interpreters with an in-depth understanding of the special education process and their critical role during meetings such as Initial Team Meetings, Eligibility Determinations, Annual Reviews, Reconvenes, and Mandatory Re-evaluations. Participants will explore terminology, due process, and effective interpreting protocols to ensure accuracy and professionalism in every encounter.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Identify types of special education meetings and their evaluation components.
- Understand key principles, terms, and technical vocabulary in special education.
- Choose the most effective interpreting modality for different meeting scenarios.
- Recognize steps in eligibility determination for disability categories.
- Describe the development and evaluation of Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).
- Define placement and related terminology.

ABOUT THE TRAINER

Dr. Cheryl Ortiz holds a Ph.D. and serves as the Evaluation Team Chairperson for the Worcester Public Schools. She oversees eligibility determinations, ensures compliance with federal and state standards, and brings extensive experience as a Bilingual Special Education Teacher, Learning Disabilities Specialist, and ELL Literacy Enrichment Coordinator.

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