

SPECIAL EDUCATION MEDIATION: RESOLVING EDUCATIONAL DISPUTES BETWEEN PARENTS AND SCHOOLS

Thursday, December 7, 2023, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

DESCRIPTION: Parents of children who have or need an Individualized Education Program (IEP) may not always agree with a school's decisions surrounding their child's services, placements, evaluations, classification, and behavior supports. This workshop will teach parents about the options they have when in conflict with the Department of Education (DOE). The workshop will focus on the free process of mediation. Namely, what does mediation look like? How do you request mediation? and how might mediation help me and my child?

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Parents, family members, caregivers and professionals who want to enhance the lives of children, teenagers & young adults. We welcome anyone who strives to achieve the same goals.

LANGUAGE: English (Spanish and Mandarin Interpretation Provided)

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



Carol Lieb Himes is the Senior Manager of Family Programs at New York Peace Institute, the Community Dispute Resolution Center which provides mediation and restorative justice services for Brooklyn and Manhattan residents as well as trainings. In that capacity, Carol is responsible for New York Peace Institute's Special Education, Early Intervention, Surrogate's Court, Co-parenting, Family Care (interpersonal disputes between individuals in the foster care system), and ACCES-VR Mediation Programs. Carol also enjoys mentoring new program mediators. In the past, Carol practiced law in several areas, including securities law, and she is very happy to have found her work in mediation. Carol is a member of the New York State bar.



Hannah Resnick is the Program Coordinator for the Special Education and Early Intervention Programs. These programs provide mediations to help resolve disputes between parents of children with educational and health disabilities, and the NYC DOE/Department of Health. In addition to being a qualified mediator, Hannah has years of experience working as a litigation attorney. Hannah received her bachelor's degree from Binghamton University (SUNY) and her Juris Doctorate from New York University School of Law. She began her work with NYPI as a volunteer mediator, and is trained as a mediator in Special Education, Early Intervention, Community, Custody/Visitation, Divorce, and Surrogate's Court matters. Hannah is dedicated to helping individuals resolve their conflicts through open dialogue.

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