



# Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is a continuum of services that support families and school teams in effectively communicating and resolving disagreements regarding a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

## Why use Alternative Dispute Resolution?

El Dorado SELPAs provide these services at no cost to families or schools. Both families and school teams retain the right to due process, should an agreement between parties not be reached through the ADR continuum. These processes are time efficient and results oriented.

**How** do I get support in utilizing **ADR** services?



Contact your El Dorado SELPA Program Specialist at:

- 530-295-2462
- [charterselpa.org](http://charterselpa.org)
- [edcoe.org/selpa](http://edcoe.org/selpa)

## What are some components of **ADR**?



### **PHONE CONSULTATION**

SELPA representatives are available for phone consultation to support families and school teams through discussion of the IEP process, possible considerations of IDEA and Education Code, as well as support in best practice recommendations.



### **IEP MEETING ATTENDANCE**

By invitation of families and/or school teams, a SELPA representative attends the IEP as a neutral third point of reference to speak to IEP processes, IDEA and Education Code, and to share possible educational strategies to support the student.



### **FACILITATED IEP MEETING**

A trained SELPA representative facilitates the structure of the IEP meeting, with input from both families and school teams beforehand, to promote shared decision making during the process, with a student-centered focus and results-orientated outcomes.



### **PROACTIVE RESOLUTION SESSION**

A trained SELPA representative facilitates families and school teams in the discussion and creation of a mutually agreeable solution to resolve disputes in regards to the student's IEP.



### **RESOLUTION SESSION**

When a due process or state complaint is filed, families and school teams have the opportunity to resolve the dispute at a local level in a cost efficient manner. Similar to a proactive resolution session, a trained SELPA representative facilitates families and school teams in the discussion and creation of a mutually agreeable solution to resolve disputes in regards to the student's IEP.