

# **Extra Services for IEP Meetings and how to ask for them**

**In New Jersey, families can access specialized supports for IEP meetings, including Facilitated IEP Meetings, inviting advocates, translators, or Child Study Team Specialists.**

**Families can also access compensatory services for students over 21 under NJ law.**



# Facilitated IEP Meetings

**FIEP meetings are voluntary and a state sponsored service at no cost to families or districts when there is a need to improve communication or address disagreements.**

**This is an option for using a neutral third party to promote effective communication, but both the parent and the district have to agree to participate.**

**The facilitator is not an IEP member and their only focus is the needs of the student, the IEP process, and developing a mutual agreement.**

**To request a facilitated IEP meeting, contact the NJ Office of Special Education via email- [OSEinfo@doe.nj.gov](mailto:OSEinfo@doe.nj.gov). Or you can visit [here](#).**

# How to Request an Interpreter

**In NJ, families can request a free interpreter by submitting a written request to the school's Child Study Team or principal in advance.**

**Give Notice Ahead of Time-** contact the school as soon as you know a meeting is scheduled.

**What to Include-** state that you need an interpreter (or documents translated) and specify your preferred language.

**Under N.J.A.C. 6A:14-2.4(a)(1), the district must provide an interpreter for IEP meetings at no cost to the parent.**

# What the Arc of New Jersey can do for you

We can assist with preparation before meetings  
through our Children's Advocacy program.

Please check out our IEP Go Bag through our  
Family Institute program.

And need help with transition planning, check our  
Planning for Adult Life program.