



Hot Topics in Special Education

Conversations in the Field

A FACILITATED COLLABORATION
SESSION

Agenda

- Goal of session
- Introductions
- Topic discussions
 - Special education training for general education teachers and administrators
 - Individualized Education Program (IEP) teaming/collaboration process
 - Family engagement
 - Goal development
 - Progress monitoring
- Takeaways



Goal of Session

- Facilitated collaboration
 - Discuss hot topics in the field
 - Brainstorm each topic
 - Barriers/Challenges
 - Successes/What is working?
 - Additional resources needed
 - Leave with action steps
 - **BUILD RELATIONSHIPS!**

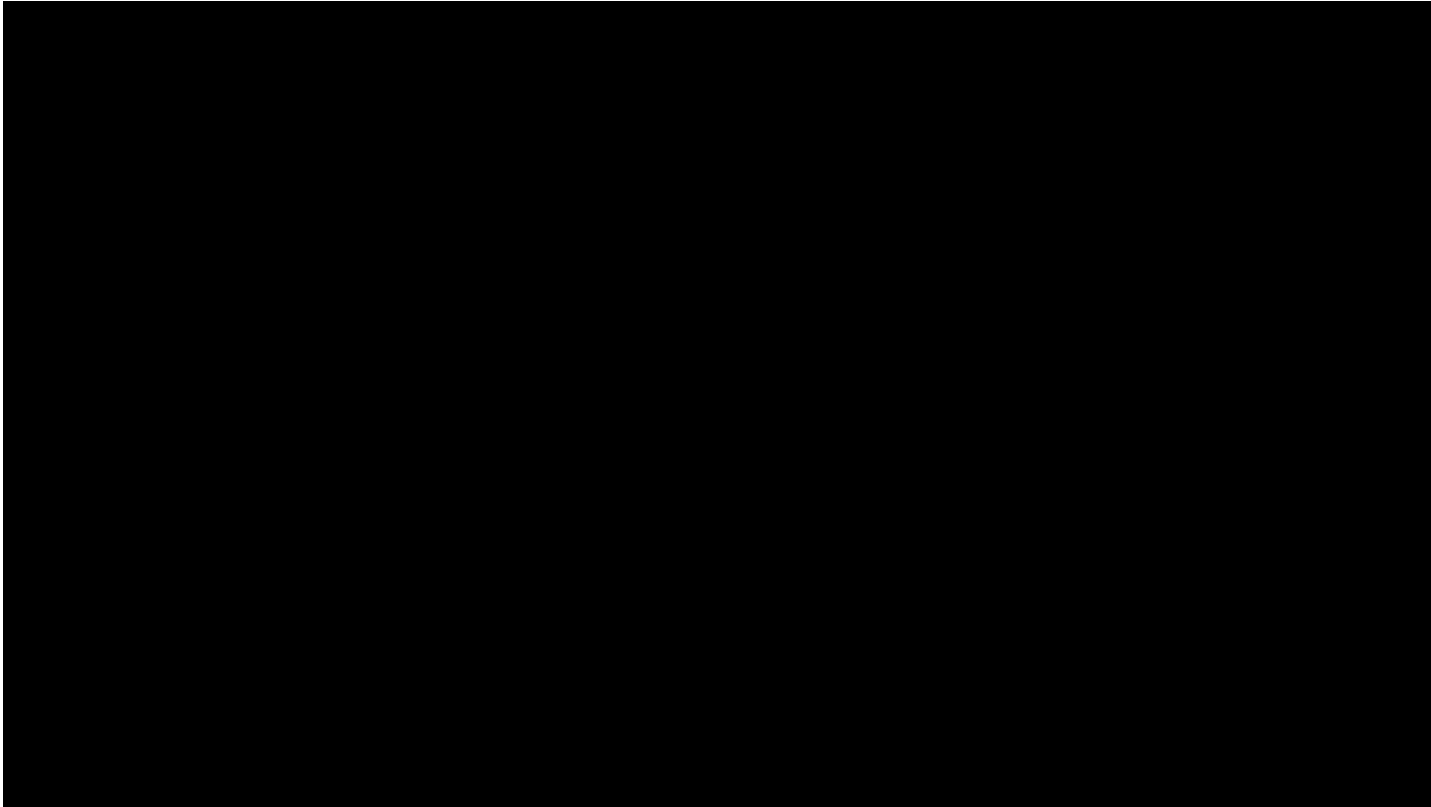


Introductions

- Name
- Title/job role/responsibilities
- District
- Years of experience
- Share one positive experience/success from this past school year



Effective Collaboration



Topic #1: Let's Discuss

- **Special Education Training for General Education Teachers and Administrators**

Question: Is lack of knowledge around special education law and/or services a concern in your district?

- Small group discussion

- If yes, discuss your specific concerns. What additional training and support does your district staff need?
- If no, what are important factors or procedures in place at your district to support effective staff training around special education?



Topic #1: Report Out

- Large group discussion
 - Common concerns
 - What isn't working?
 - What **IS** working?
- Identify action steps/suggestions
 - Site/District level
 - State level



Topic #2: Let's Discuss

- **IEP Teaming/Collaboration Process**

Question: Are IEPs developed and implemented utilizing effective team processes as required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)?

- Small group discussion

- If no, what barriers are keeping this from happening?
- If yes, what are important factors or procedures in place at your district to support effective teaming/collaboration in the IEP development and implementation process?



Topic #2: Report Out

- Large group discussion
 - Common concerns
 - What isn't working?
 - What **IS** Working?
- Identify action steps/suggestions
 - Site/District level
 - State level



Topic #3: Let's Discuss

- **Family Involvement/Engagement**

Question: Do you and/or your district have effective family involvement/engagement processes in place to ensure meaningful parent participation in the educational process?

- **Small Group Discussion**

- If no, what barriers are keeping this from happening?
- If yes, what are important factors or procedures in place at your district to support effective family involvement/engagement activities?



Topic #3: Report Out

- Large group discussion
 - Common concerns
 - What isn't working?
 - What **IS** working?
- Identify action steps/suggestions
 - Site/District level
 - State level



Topic #4: Let's Discuss

- **Goal Development**

Question: Do you and/or your district have effective processes in place to ensure that IEP goals are individualized and address the unique, disability-related educational needs of students?

- **Small Group Discussion**

- If no, what barriers are keeping this from happening?
- If yes, what are important factors or procedures in place at your district to support individualized goals that address the unique, disability-related educational needs of students?



Topic #4: Report Out

- Large group discussion
 - Common concerns
 - What isn't working?
 - What **IS** working?
- Identify action steps/suggestions
 - District level
 - State level



Topic #5: Let's Discuss

- **Progress Monitoring**

Question: Do you and/or your district have effective processes in place to ensure IEPs are implemented as written and all staff are aware of their specific responsibilities?

- **Small Group Discussion**

- If no, what barriers are keeping this from happening?
- If yes, what are important factors or procedures in place to ensure IEPs are implemented as written?



Topic #5: Report Out

- Large group discussion
 - Common concerns
 - What isn't working?
 - What **IS** working?
- Identify action steps/suggestions
 - Site/District level
 - State level



Takeaways

- Considering the hot topics discussed today, what are specific “next steps” you can personally take to improve the special education services provided at your district?
 - **Red light**-something you will stop doing
 - **Yellow light**-something that needs a change
 - **Green light**-something that you will start doing
- Please identify at least one person you met during this session that you would be interested in collaborating with or contacting next school year to brainstorm or share ideas with around some of these hot topics. Take a few minutes to visit.
 - Make sure you exchange business cards!



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