

Special Education Law and Transition Planning for Students with Disabilities



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Date: Wednesday July 22, 2026

Time: 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. EDT

Where: Live Interactive Webinar

Registered participants will receive an email with instructions on how to join the session.

Objectives: Participants will be able to:

Part 1:

1. Identify laws relevant to special education and summarize the eligibility and the special education evaluation processes.
2. Describe two differences between an IFSP and an IEP and list available dispute resolution methods.

Part 2:

3. Identify the laws relevant to transition and list elements of effective transition planning.
4. Develop the transition planning section of an IEP and identify three resources for transition planning.

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The first part of this session will cover an overview of special education law and additional protections provided to students under Maryland law. The presenters will provide an overview of Maryland State Department of Education guidance and technical assistance bulletins and share online special education law resources. The second part of the session will provide an overview of transition planning, including applicable federal and state laws and regulations. The presenters will discuss elements and goals of transition planning, including examples of quality of transition planning and how to create the transition planning section of an IEP as well as provide an overview of transition planning resources, including state and nonprofit resources.

Who should attend? Professionals and anyone interested in the topic. 3.0 Continuing Education Credits (Category 1) will be granted to licensed social workers and psychologists for attending the session in full and completing all requirements. A Certificate of Attendance will be made available for all other disciplines.

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