

WSEMS Request Form for Workshop or Exhibit

The Wisconsin Special Education Mediation System (WSEMS) is managed by a unique partnership that represents a collaborative team: a special education director, a parent, and a mediator. The WSEMS partners and staff offer many educational presentations and exhibits to promote the WSEMS and the importance of resolving conflict at the earliest possible stage. A WSEMS parent-professional team usually presents workshops. Workshops are available in-person and by phone, in English and Spanish.

To request a WSEMS workshop or arrange for an exhibit, please **call WSEMS at 888-298-3857** or **email this WSEMS Request Form to gja@wsems.us** Requests for any special accommodations must be made at least two weeks before the event.

WSEMS Exhibit Request

Contact Person: _____

Organization/Agency: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Date/s: _____ **Time:** _____ **# Attending Event:** _____

Location: _____ **Address:** _____

Please set up a WSEMS exhibit table at our event. **OR**

Please send us materials and we will take care of displaying them at our event.

WSEMS Workshop Request:

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Please check workshop desired below:

Dispute Resolution Options

Basic information about options for resolving disputes related to special education available to families and schools, including through the WSEMS: how to prepare for and participate in informal meetings; how a facilitated IEP, mediation, and resolution meeting differ; how to make a request; WSEMS neutral intake process; role of a mediator or facilitator; and who may participate in each process.

Facilitated IEPs

Information about what an IEP Facilitation is; the differences between mediation and IEP facilitation; when and how to request a facilitated IEP; participants in a facilitated IEP; and the role of the facilitator.

Mediation

Information about mediation; federal/state laws; how to request mediation; case intake process; role of the mediator and participants; agreement to mediate; confidentiality; steps to agreement; and the mediation agreement.

New! *Friendly and Productive IEP Meetings*

Practical tips and techniques that can increase the productivity of an IEP Meeting, this workshop hopes to support both parents and districts in developing strong relationships and effective conversations about the needs of students with disabilities. With a shared focus on how to provide the appropriate educational programs and supplemental services for students with disabilities, districts and parents can have productive, forward-looking, and creative IEP meetings which can set the stage for a constructive relationship that can continue throughout the student's educational program.

Resolution Process

Information about what is the Resolution Process, including: when a resolution meeting is required; alternatives to a resolution meeting using a waiver; timeline for resolving issues; participants; and the use of a facilitator.

Conflict Handling Styles

Different ways in which people deal with conflict; strategies to help resolve conflicts more effectively and constructively; how participants identify and work constructively with five different conflict styles (Thomas Kilmann model) being used by others in negotiation.