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The IDEIA Means More Rights

How the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act changes rights

Why was the IDEIA adopted?

The most important policy consideration under the law

How and why the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act are different COVID-19's impact on changing practical implementation of the IDEIA

The Eligibility Criteria Matters... A Lot

Who's eligible, who's not, and why it's critically important to know the difference

Criteria best practices today

How and why the eligibility criteria are different between the "vehicles"

Child Find Requires the Big Eye

The #1 legal issue after COVID-19

Accurate data collection as crucial to Child Find compliance

How to consider "need" with changing teaching vehicles

But is it "SDI?" (And why nothing else matters)

IEPs Address Needs... Uniquely

Apply key best practices considerations to IEP drafting

They way COVID-19 changes IEP drafting, today Crucial role of data collection to effective IEP drafting

IEP Isn't the First Option... Or the Last

LRE is not a "place" is key to IDEIA compliance Explore and apply the resource continuum The ways COVID-19 highlighted gaps in services and school resources

Develop smart goals and objectives

Rules for Identification and Evaluation

Review evaluation and assessment options The IEE is not a blank check

How to properly and efficiently address independent evaluation requests

O Captain, My Captain. Simple Ways to Avoid **Due Process**

Remember the Comegno Combat rules Practical suggestions, including how to capitalize on district resources What wins cases?

Mental Health Matters... More Than Ever

The anxiety epidemic

Is the student different? Why?

Objectively gauging need in the post-COVID-19 How to use district resources to support, enable, and avoid

Yes, Discipline is Different

The reality of discipline and behavioral intervention MDs, FBAs, and other great, important acronyms

Ethical Considerations

Student records issues under FERPA and IDEIA Confidentiality in virtual instruction How COVID-19 changed student records

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- 1. Theorize how federal and state law and regulation, and best practices, changed on account of
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- Differentiate between IDEIA and Section 504 principles and policy to determine the appropriate educational setting for children with various disabilities.
- Investigate student mental health difficulties through current need and identify practical strategies to assist and enable learning.
- Utilize strategies that simultaneously address student needs while limiting the risk of due process.
- Implement strategies that properly address behavioral and disciplinary concerns in in-person and virtual special education settings.
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