



# Complimentary Professional Development for Educators Technical Assistance Program (TAP)

LIVE VIRTUAL COMPLIMENTARY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP VIA  ZOOM

## How to use Diagnostic / Evaluation Testing to Write Goals and Align Services in IEPs

**Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**8:30-11:30 or 12:00-3:00**

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**This training is designed for special educators, other IEP team members, and anyone working with students across *all* age levels who want to learn about how the evaluation results are used to determine if the student meets the eligibility criteria for special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and New Mexico Technical Evaluation Manual (NMTEAM) and how to use the results from diagnostic testing to develop goals, services, and LRE statements. This training will include the rationales and the requirements to ensure compliance to IDEA and to:**

- **Analyze Evaluation Data (The "What")**
- **Review Baseline Data:** Look at formal assessments, work samples, observations, and curriculum-based data to establish the student's present levels of performance (PLOP).
- **Identify Strengths & Weaknesses:** Where is the student thriving? Where are the significant dips or gaps? Focus on areas that will have the biggest impact on their education (FAPE).
- **Check Data Validity:** Ensure data is reliable and collected systematically, not just before meetings.

The PM session is the same as the AM session. A Survey will be posted in the zoom chat at the end of the presentation. You must complete the survey to receive a Certificate of Completion. You can join the PM session if you miss part of the AM session.



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