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LIVE VIRTUAL COMPLIMENTARY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP VIA ZOOM

How to Use Evaluation Testing: Write goals & align services in IEPs The new changes of NMTEAM

Thursday, September 17th, 2026

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

Presented by Lisa Oliphant Ed.D., TAP Consultant

This training is designed for special educators, other IEP team members, 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). Learn 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:

- 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

This training is applicable to General Education, Special Education, and other interested staff.

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