

Leading with Trust: Strengthening Family Partnerships in Early Childhood Special Education Through Alternative Dispute Prevention

Join Pathways to Partnership (P2P) and CalECSE for a two-part, no-cost virtual series designed for school district personnel supporting early childhood special education programs. This interactive learning series provides proactive, evidence-informed strategies to strengthen family-school collaboration and reduce stress during the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process.

Session 1: Building the Foundation

In this introductory session, we will provide a brief overview of Pathways to Partnership (P2P) before diving into practical strategies you can use right away. Learn core listening and communication skills—such as asking open-ended questions, gathering information, and showing empathy—that help build trust with families and strengthen partnerships. These tools are designed to be immediately actionable so you can apply them in your everyday work with families and teams.

Session 2: Advanced Strategies for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and Prevention

Build on the listening skills and foundational ADR strategies from Session 1 and take a deeper look at advanced approaches to conflict prevention. Discover practical techniques to navigate challenges, reduce stress in the IEP process, and foster positive outcomes for children, families, and educational teams.

What You'll Learn

- ✓ Build trust and strengthen partnerships through effective listening, empathy, and open communication with families.
- ✓ Apply proactive strategies to reduce stress and prevent conflict during the IEP process.
- ✓ Use practical ADR techniques to create positive, collaborative outcomes for children.

Who Should Attend

- ✓ Administrators
- ✓ Program Specialists
- ✓ School Psychologists
- ✓ Educational Specialists
- ✓ Case Managers

Register Today

Session 1: Building the Foundation
December 15, 2025 Noon to 1:00 p.m.

[Click to register](#)

Session 2: Advanced Strategies for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and Prevention

March 5, 2026 Noon to 1:00 p.m.

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the meetings.