

## **Facilitated IEP Meetings**

IEP Team Meeting Facilitation is an optional process, not required by the IDEA that state educational agencies (SEA) or school districts may provide to parents and schools. A facilitated IEP Team meeting is the same as any other IEP Team meeting, except that a facilitator joins the meeting. The facilitator helps with communication among team members, and does not make decisions about the student's IEP. The goal of a facilitated IEP Team meeting is to develop an IEP that is supported by team members and benefits the student.

In a facilitated IEP Team meeting:

- Families and schools agree to have a facilitator join an IEP Team meeting.
- Facilitators maintain open communication and ensure that everyone at the IEP Team meeting can participate fully.
- If disagreements arise during the meeting, a facilitator can help the Team clarify and resolve them.
- The facilitator typically does not address issues that are not related to the student's IEP.
- The parent or the school district may initiate the request for a Facilitated IEP Team meeting

If you are interested in participating in a Facilitated IEP meeting please contact the Director of Special Education for Gainesville City School System at 770-536-5275