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IDEA 101: Partnering with Specialized Service Providers to Support Effective Inclusion

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What or who inspires your work?



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IDEA 2021: Partnering with Specialized Service Providers to Support Effective Inclusion

Viewer's Guide
 This viewer's guide will help you prepare your classroom and engage with the webinar content. During the webinar we will focus on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and your questions concerning IDEA and other program staff need to know to support inclusion in Head Start programs. We will discuss what the IDEA says in implementing and delivery, including IDEA mandates and Section 504, and how to coordinate, effective disability services. Key resources can be found in the Resource section of this guide.

What is IDEA?
 The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, or IDEA, is federal law that guarantees a free and appropriate public education for all children with disabilities. The law gives your state and public agencies control over appropriate, special education, and related services to meet the needs of eligible children, children, children, and youth with disabilities. An education services coordinator—or any program staff who supports children with disabilities and inclusion in Head Start—IDEA shapes the way you do your job. It applies to children from birth through a range of program settings—center-based, home-based, family child care, and family day care systems. It also applies to children and youth with your Early Head Start children. Your program will work closely with the local Part B and C agencies that are responsible for implementing IDEA.

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Learning Objectives

1. Identify key components of IDEA that support Head Start disabilities services
2. Describe the disability services coordinator's (DSC's) role in collaborating with partners and facilitating IDEA processes and services



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IDEA & the Head Start Program Performance Standards



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What is IDEA?

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is federal law that guarantees a free and appropriate public education to individuals with disabilities



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IDEA 101: Part C and Part B

Part C Program

- Early intervention
- Ages 0-3

Part B 619 Program

- Preschool special education
- Ages 3-5

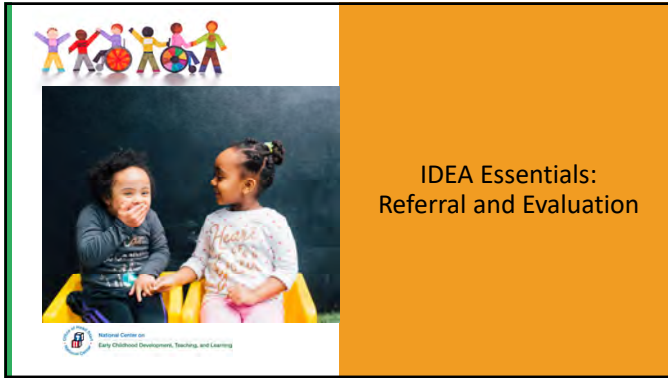


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IDEA and the HSPPS



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IDEA Essentials:
Referral and Evaluation

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IDEA Essentials: Eligibility

Part C

- Developmental delay (ages 0-3)
- Diagnosed physical or mental condition
- Informed clinical opinion

Part B 619 Program

- Developmental delay (ages 3-9)
- Disability that impacts educational performance



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IDEA Essentials: Timelines

Part C

- Evaluation and IFSP development: 45 days
- Receipt of services: 30 days

Part B 619 Program

- Evaluation: 60 days
- IEP development: 30 days or by 3rd birthday



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Facilitating Inclusion: Referral and Evaluation

- Share concerns with family
- Obtain consent
- Ensure family rights
- Collaborate with family, program staff, and IDEA partners
- Ensure family understands evaluation and eligibility information



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Program Perspectives

What role can program staff play during the referral and evaluation process?



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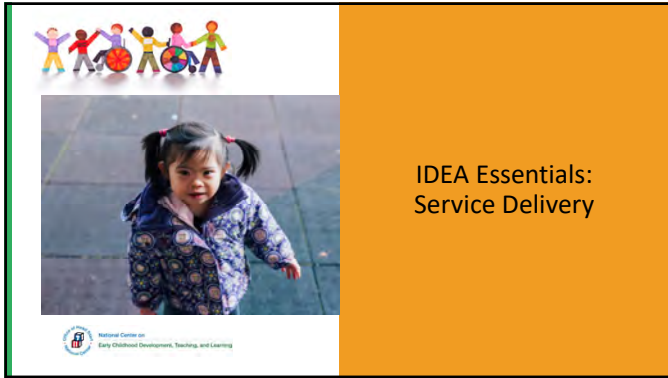


Focus on Families

What might a family experience during the referral and evaluation process?



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IDEA Essentials:
Service Delivery

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IDEA Essentials: Service Delivery Settings

Part C

- Natural environments

Part B 619 Program

- Least restrictive environment





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IDEA Essentials: Service Delivery Settings

“...to the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities are educated with children who are not disabled...with the use of supplemental aids and services...”

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Facilitating Inclusion: Service Delivery

- Help family understand service delivery options and placement process
- Collaborate with educational team to facilitate placement decision
- Ensure family understands rights under IDEA



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Focus on Families

What questions might a family have about how IDEA services are delivered?



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IDEA Essentials: Individualized Plans



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IDEA Essentials: Individualized Plans

Part C

- Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- Focused on family and child outcomes
- Services to help family enhance development of child

Part B 619 Program

- Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- Focused on child outcomes
- Services targeted to child's educational needs



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Facilitating Inclusion: Individualized Plans

- Support and ensure family participation
- Ensure family understands
 - Meeting process
 - Content of plan
- Collaborate with education team
- Support family advocacy



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Program Perspectives


What is the program's role in facilitating the plan development process?




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Program Perspectives
How can program staff participate in implementing the plan?




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**IDEA Essentials:
Supporting Families**




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Focus on Families
What do families want program staff to know about this process?



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Questions and Answers



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