



Exceptional children include those with giftedness, dyslexia, other learning disabilities or a comorbidity. Families of exceptional children often find it challenging to navigate through school and extracurricular activities. OPEN-Bees offers support, information and a positive teamwork approach.

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 845 1737 5671

Passcode: OPEN-Bees

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Please join us for an informative presentation by Melissa Mangino focusing on providing parents a clear process on how to prepare for IEP meetings in a purposeful way. Melissa has an “insiders perspective” as an experienced district Special Education Senior Supervisor, a district Supervisor over inclusionary practices, a district-level compliance teacher, and a school-level ESE coordinator and ESE teacher. This in-depth experience serves as the foundation for her practice. She has worked with hundreds of families and is passionate about advocating for students and supporting families as they navigate the special education system.

Melissa will cover topics such as:

- Preparing for the ETR meeting that will drive the IEP. Why this meeting is critical before testing begins? What to do if the request is denied? What to do if you don't feel the ETR results match the concerns and profile of your child?
- Preparing for the IEP meeting. Melissa shares how to use an easy 3 step process to redefine your seat at the IEP table.
- Preparing for a manifestation determination hearing. What you need to know in order to be prepared for a hearing and what to expect.
- Open forum to Ask the Advocate (time permitting). If you wish, please email your questions prior to the zoom in hopes Melissa can get to all of the questions as efficiently as possible.

We are proud to invite you to visit our NEW website designed to help others find OPEN-Bees and share in the knowledge we are committed to provide. Go to open-bees.com and check it out. We will be adding new content throughout the coming months and plan to move the data content to the website.

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