



What Every Interpreter/Translator Should Know About Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)

TRAINING

Interpreters and translators working in education are commonly part of Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings, which are crucial to ensure effective communication between educators, students, and families. Understanding the IEP process, including the development of goals, accommodations, and the legal rights of students with disabilities, is essential.

Key components of this training include:

- 1. Educational Terminology and Jargon:** Interpreters must be familiar with the specialized language used in education, particularly in special education. This includes terms related to assessments, interventions, accommodations, and educational strategies.
- 2. Cultural Competence:** Training will emphasize the importance of cultural sensitivity and awareness. Interpreters must be able to navigate cultural differences that may affect communication and understanding in IEP meetings.
- 3. IEP Process Knowledge:** Interpreters should be well-informed about the stages of the IEP process, from initial evaluations and goal setting to progress monitoring and annual reviews. This includes knowing the roles of various team members and the purpose of each part of the IEP document.
- 4. Confidentiality and Ethics:** Maintaining confidentiality is crucial in IEP meetings. Training will cover ethical considerations, such as impartiality, neutrality, and the importance of accurate and unbiased interpretation.

This hands-on approach will help to build confidence and competence. The training will prepare interpreters and translators to handle the complexities of IEP meetings, ensuring that language barriers do not hinder the educational planning and support for students with disabilities.

Cost: \$100.00 per person

LCAP bucket: Conditions of Learning

LCAP Priority: Basic Services

CA MTSS Domain: Family and Community Engagement

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