

IEP Writing Series

Writing IEPs with Purpose and Precision

EmpowerED offers a comprehensive IEP development package designed to build confidence, clarity, and compliance in IEP writing. We approach the IEP as a roadmap for student progress and growth, rather than an exercise in paperwork. Our training is unique because we approach each element of the IEP as an opportunity not just to identify student weaknesses, but to seek out and develop their strengths.

The program begins with a three-hour foundational session that covers the legal rationale behind IEPs, how well-written plans drive student progress, and best practices for creating effective, student-centered documents. Participants will explore each section of the IEP using exemplars, and gain strategies for time management, efficient data collection, and streamlining the process.

Following the initial training, a series of six sessions are held throughout the year, with each one focusing on a different section of the IEP.

Additional ongoing coaching between the IEP writing facilitator and teachers is also suggested.



Six sessions, one hour each in duration, are offered to build knowledge and skills of special education teachers in writing IEPs. One major topic will be covered at each session:

- Session 1: Present Levels of Performance
- Session 2: Measurable Annual Goals
- Session 3: Specially Designed Instruction
- Session 4: General Education Participation, Parental Concerns
- Session 5: Placement, Prior Written Notice, ESY
- Session 6: Facilitating Effective Meetings

