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INFORMAL NEGOTIATION CAN SAVE EVERYONE TIME AND MONEY

The key to informal negotiation for both parents and school staff is knowledge. It's important for both parties to have knowledge about what is appropriate at specific stages of a child's school career. That is, if expectations are realistic, both parents and school personnel are more likely to be "on the same page" and working together towards a logical and appropriate outcome.

CP of New Jersey staff are available to help with this sometimes difficult process. Our staff will consult with teachers and students at school, visit parents and students at home, attend IEP and transition meetings and help bridge the gap that can form between schools and parents. Our staff's wide range of expertise can provide valuable input to the planning process; we can work together to try and prevent misunderstandings from escalating into expensive and lengthy due process.

Rehabilitation Technology Services can provide assistive technology evaluations in your student's classroom and home. The evaluation can provide the team with important information that can enable the student to participate in the classroom.

If school personnel and parents have the same information and same recommendations for an appropriate education with appropriate outcomes, expectations will be met and everyone will be working together to meet the student's needs.

For more information call Jackie Edwards at (888) 322-1918 extension 526 or email her at jedwards@cpofnj.org.

NEW TECHNOLOGY

The ChatPC

The newly released ChatPC is truly a portable and dynamic communication device. It is based on a Casio handheld computer, which makes it small enough and light enough to carry between classes. The device is easily programmed to speak with a digital or human voice, and the display is colorful and easy-to-read. To find out more and to test out the device, call our Technology Lending Center at (888) 322-1918 extension 530.

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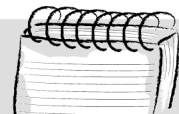
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EDUCATING FOR SUCCESS WEB SITE LAUNCHES

The holidays are approaching and because of the school break, "Educating for Success" will be taking a break, too. To find information and articles relating to educating students with special needs, log on to www.cpodnj.org/educatingforsuccess.htm. Download past issues and other information, find out more about the services that CP of New Jersey offers across the state. You will also find a complete list of our scheduled trainings for this year and a list of trainings that CP of New Jersey can provide.

UPCOMING
TRAININGS



November 26, 2001
9 am - 3 pm

From Low-Tech to High-Tech: Supports that Work for Students with Learning Disabilities
Training at Middlesex County ETTC*

December 5, 2001
9 AM - 11:30 AM

Hot Issues in Assistive Technology: Voice Recognition "What it can do for you today?"
Training at Middlesex County ETTC*

December 12, 2001
3 PM - 5:30 PM

Free and Cheap Software for the Learning Disabled Student.
Training at Ocean County ETTC*

For more information, contact Fred Tchang at (888) 322-1918 Extension 588 or call the county ETTC.
*ETTC Stands for Educational Technology Training Center



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- IEP Assistance
- Transition Planning
- Assistive Technology for Education
- Augmentative Communication
- Positive Behavioral Support
- Family Support
- Work Based Learning
- School to Work Support
- Job Accommodations
- Substance Abuse Prevention Education

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Q. I am unsure if my student is eligible for related services under IDEA '97. How can I be sure, and how do I know what services she needs?

A. Your student is eligible for related services if she has a disability as defined under IDEA '97 and if, because of that disability, she needs special education and related services. An evaluation process must be completed in order to determine what related services your student must have. Does she need any assistive technology? Does she need positive behavior support? These are questions that an evaluation process completed by the IEP team should determine. If the IEP team needs more expertise on an individual case, then they would locate someone with that expertise. That could either be someone inside or outside of the district.

ARTICLES ONLINE www.cpofnj.org/educatingforsuccess.htm

Students with Disabilities are at High Risk for Substance Abuse

NJWINS (Social Security Benefits Planning) and "PASS" can help Students save for their Future

The New Jersey Developmental Disabilities Council seeks Nominations for Inclusive Education Fellowship

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