

LEArn and LEAd

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Julie Weatherly, Esq. of Resolutions in Special Education, Inc. (RISE, Inc.) and Dr. Timothy S. Havard with Auburn City Schools and Havard Educational Consulting have co-developed LEArn & LEAd—a one-day (in-person or virtual) training program designed for those who serve as IEP Team “LEA Representatives,” including local school building administrators. Based upon the combined experiences of a special education legal expert and an educational leader, this program was developed in order to train LEA Representatives on their important legal and professional job duties as the IEP meeting’s “process leader.”

Objectives:

This interactive, information-packed training day provides LEA Representatives with suggested aids and strategies, as well as a video demonstration of their use in an IEP meeting. These strategies are designed to assist LEA Reps to more effectively:

- Fulfill their roles and responsibilities as the IEP meeting’s “process leader” in support of the Team’s “content leaders” and other members;
- Ensure that all IEP Team members, including parents, are provided the opportunity for meaningful participation and input;
- Use visual aids, checklists and other strategies to help prepare for and guide the IEP meeting process, keeping it on track and ensuring that it remains properly focused on the student;
- Use communication and conflict prevention and management strategies to respond to difficult behaviors and conversations that may occur during meetings;
- Assist IEP Teams in reaching consensus in decision-making and closure when consensus cannot be reached; and
- Ensure that an overall organized, efficient and legally compliant IEP Team meeting occurs.

It is the LEArn & LEAd goal that participants will walk away with immediate strategies they can use to improve their IEP meetings and their knowledge and skills to support collaboration between parents and school staff.



Presenter:
Julie J. Weatherly, Esq.

Julie J. Weatherly, Esq. is the Founder of RISE, Inc. located in Mobile, Alabama and has been working with school agencies in the area of special education since 1986. RISE is a full-service legal and consulting business designed to assist educational agencies in the avoidance and resolution of special education legal disputes arising under the IDEA, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the ADA and other applicable laws. Julie is a graduate of Presbyterian College and the University of Georgia School of Law. She is a member of the State Bars of Alabama and Georgia and provides consultative and/or legal services to school agencies primarily in Alabama, Florida and Georgia, as well as on a national basis.



Presenter:
Dr. Timothy S. Havard

Dr. Timothy S. Havard currently serves as the Director of Student Services for Auburn City Schools in Auburn, Alabama. He comes to that position after two years as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Educational Foundations, Leadership and Technology at Auburn University. During his time at AU, he taught in the master’s and doctoral programs in Educational Leadership. In addition to his full-time status as a professor, he has over 15 years of service as an adjunct instructor in Educational Leadership programs at two universities. Dr. Havard has over 30 years in public K-12 education including spending six years as a high school science teacher before becoming a Principal. He has also served as Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent in four school districts in south Mississippi and now currently the owner of Havard Educational Consulting, LLC