

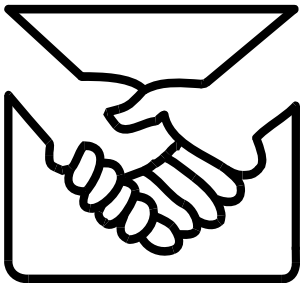
## What is ....

### ... ADR?

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is an informal method of settling disagreements. It is a process that encourages all parties to problem solve and reach a mutually beneficial agreement.

### ... A Solutions Panel?

The Solutions Panel is part of the El Dorado County SELPA ADR model. Each panel consists of two trained mediators (a parent, and an educator) who assist parties to come to an agreement. All members are trained and certified by the SELPA.



## Why use a Solutions Panel?

### Mutually Satisfying Resolution

Rather than living with a decision made by a third party, such as a judge or hearing officer, the parties craft their own agreement. The process builds a foundation of trust between parents and district personnel which enhances future interactions.

### Fast

Panels are scheduled at a mutually convenient time (usually within two weeks), considerably sooner than the 45 day timeline of state level Due Process.

### Confidential

All participants and mediators are legally bound by agreement to maintain confidentiality.

### Legal Protections

ADR is provided for in Ed Code (E.C. 56508). In addition, participation in the ADR process does not prevent use of the Due Process system.

### No Cost

Panels are provided at no cost and do not involve the use of attorneys.

## What happens when a Panel is convened?

Each party has a chance to state their position, share concerns and listen to the other party's position. Panel members assist the parties in reaching a mutually acceptable agreement. It is an informal, no-pressure environment which allows parents and schools to design their own resolution.

### When do Panels meet?

A Panel will be scheduled as soon as possible after the request, usually within two weeks.

### Where do Panels meet?

At a convenient site mutually agreeable to both parties.

### How do I access a Solutions Panel?

Call Intake Coordinator/SELPA Program Specialist at 530-295-2463.

For Information call:

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Alternative Dispute Resolution

## SOLUTIONS PANELS

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to resolving  
special education disputes.



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