

WSEMS Annual Mediator Training
Crowne Plaza, Madison WI
4402 E. Washington Ave.
Friday, April 24, 2009

- 8:00 - 8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:30- 9:00 Welcome - *WSEMS Partners and DPI Liaison*
Introduction by *Mediators*
What have you been doing this year? (2 minutes maximum per participant)
- 9:00 -10:15 Communication skills for time sensitive mediation and facilitations –
Interactive discussion, *Nina Meierding and Jane Burns, facilitators*
Suggested topics from mediator reporting forms: how to deal with difficult parties, interrupting, resistance
- 10:15 - 10:30 Break
- 10:30-10:40 The Growth of Autism Prevalence Rate: Impact on Schools and Parent Centers, *Nissan Bar-Lev and Jan Serak*
- 10:40 - 11:30 Autism/EBD Update
Marge Resan, DPI
Key Criteria/Components and the difference between a child receiving a medical diagnosis and qualifying for special education services under state criteria
- 11:30- 12:00 Neutrality and Confidentiality Issues Affecting Mediators –
Interactive Discussion
Nina Meierding and Jane Burns will facilitate an interactive discussion sharing feedback from participant evaluations and discussing how to work impartially with districts and parents
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:25 Administrative Update
Jane Burns, Report on the IEP facilitation process and feedback from mediators; *Nina Meierding*, discussion on selection of mediators/facilitators
- 1:25 – 2:15 Case Consultation – Interactive discussion
Nina Meierding, facilitator
- 2:15 – 2:30 Break
- 2:30 -3:45 Legal Update
Renae Aldana, Quarles & Brady
Patricia Engel, Schott, Bublitz & Engel
- 3:45 Looking forward, closing comments by participants and partners