

## **FREE OR LOW COST ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION DISPUTES**

Mediation is a process that may be used to resolve disagreements between the parents of a child with a disability and the public agency responsible for the education of the child. If during an IEP team meeting a parent disagrees with a child's IEP or the special education services provided to the child, the IEP team shall provide the parent, in plain language:

- An oral and written explanation of the parent's right to request mediation (see page 18 of Parental Rights book);
- Contact information, including a telephone number, that a parent may use to receive more information about the mediation process (GCPS Special Education Office- 301-334-7655 or MSDE, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services- 410-767-7770); and
- Information regarding pro bono representation and other free or low-cost legal and related services available in the area (see below).

### **Legal Aid Bureau, Inc.**

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### **Legal Aid Bureau (con't)**

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### **Maryland Disability Law Center (MDLC)**

1500 Union Avenue  
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### **Family Support Services /**

#### **Partners for Success**

Southern Garrett High School  
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### **Parents' Place of Maryland**

(provides parent support and training)  
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410-768-9100  
[www.ppmmd.org](http://www.ppmmd.org)

### **University of Maryland Clinical Law Office**

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