

WI FACETS PROCEDURE - DISCLAIMERS

Background: Each staff person, volunteer or contracted individual answering the phone, attending a meeting with a parent, or otherwise providing information and support for families and others in association with WI FACETS, Inc. is required to conduct themselves according to the WI FACETS' *Unauthorized Practice of Law* policy (2-8-1).

WI FACETS Meeting/Mediation Disclaimer:

The following statement should be made at the beginning of the meeting to clarify the role of the WI FACETS staff person, volunteer or contracted individual attending the meeting with the parent.

WI FACETS MEETING / MEDIATION DISCLAIMER

My name is _____, and I am from WI FACETS. WI FACETS is an agency that provides information and referral services, training and individual support for parents statewide.

My role here today is to serve as (parent's name) and (child's name) advocate. I am not here as their attorney. I am here to support this family, which may include such things as informing them of their rights and options, and helping them brainstorm ideas and solutions.

WI FACETS Telephone Disclaimer:

The following statement should be made to clarify the role of a WI FACETS staff person, volunteer or contracted individual related to a phone or other conversation related to the provision of information/support for families and others.

WI FACETS TELEPHONE DISCLAIMER

I am not an attorney, and WI FACETS is not a legal services agency. This means that I cannot give you any type of legal advice. I cannot legally represent you or make any decisions for you about your child.

What I can do is provide support to you and your child. I can help you learn what your rights are and brainstorm with you to come up with different options. I can make referrals and help you find appropriate resources. If you do have a legal issue or problem, I can give you the names of some attorneys that may be able to help you.