

**Facility Schools Work Group Meeting Notes**

April 3, 2025, 9:00 - 10:30 AM Virtual - Zoom Meeting

**Work Group Members Present:** Danny Combs, Wendy Dunaway, Mylynda Herrick, Kathleen Homan, Sonjia Hunt, Steven Ramirez, Robin Singer, Judy Stirman, Ann Symalla, Lindsey Tapp, Barb Taylor, Kevin Tracy, Susan Udenberg, Callan Ware, Laura Writebol

**Work Group Members Absent:** Sarah Baumgartner, Laurie Burney, Erin Osterhaus, Deon Roberts

**Guest Observers:** Sara Pielsticker, Annie Haskins, Celina Ulibarri

**Facilitator, CDE & Support:** Virginia (G) Winter, Equinox Consultancy LLC, Allie Miller, Darren Serrato

**Analysis Team:** Nick Stellitano – Dillinger Research & Applied Data

**Public Comment:** Sara Pielsticker, Colorado Disability Law

**1. SB23-219 Implementation and Work Plan**

* Dillinger RAD provided an update on the work plan and implementation of the recommendations in SB 23-219.

**2. Data Snapshot and Break-out Group Discussion on Facility School Staffing and Retention Data**

* Work Group members reviewed student enrollment data through February
* Staffing data including retention was presented by Dillinger RAD - the Work Group broke into smaller groups to review, discuss and write down questions and ‘wonderings’ on various data points, charts and graphs.
* Dillinger RAD will bring back new findings in May based on the questions and comments from today

**6. Work Group Dialogue - Specialized Day Schools and Day Treatment Facilities**

* The ‘work in progress’ graphic of specialized education was revisited, as well as definitions and differences between a day treatment and specialized day school.
* Work Group members engaged in dialogue regarding what distinguishes each from the other to clarify collective understanding and raise new thoughts. The desire to have publicly available information on this topic was also discussed after the dialogue.

**3. Third Party Evaluation Contract - Review of Three Anonymous Candidates**

* Feedback was solicited on the proposals for the third party evaluation using the checklist provided

**4. Technical Assistance Center Update**

* The TAC coordinator updated the group on the HUB and the addition of school district representation at the next meeting

**Next Steps - Reminder of upcoming Work Group meetings:**

* Next meeting dates: Friday, May 2, 2025

Thursday, June 5, 2025

[**Shared work group member folder for meeting notes, reports, etc.**](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1IkfGjJ3uPxZtEAqBvdtH_o0RiIgxY08k?usp=drive_link)