## **Guidelines for Home Instruction as Placement:**

Home Instruction Implementation for Students on IEP's

If the school has exhausted all resources as it pertains to facilitating a student's ability to attend school, and the student has an IEP, then the decision to place a student on Home Instruction (HI) as a placement option can be considered by the IEP Team. Teams should contact the District Special Education Home Instruction Team while considering Home Instruction as a placement option.

- I. The IEP Team must first fill out the "Home Instruction Intervention Summary Form"
  - a. Teams will be responsible for summarizing the following information on the form:
    - i. Background Information
    - ii. Review of current eligibility with Teacher Specialist
    - iii. IEP services including Present Levels that address the student's critical needs
    - iv. Documentation of previous and current attempts for interventions/strategies with applicable data attached
    - v. Document consult with District Behavior Specialist, where applicable
    - vi. Health Professional Statement of Need (if available)
      - 1. Team should attempt to obtain two-way communication to healthcare professionals to get further clarification
- II. Based on the information gathered and the concerns being addressed, the IEP Team should be expanded to include persons with specialized knowledge related to student needs.
  - a. Examples include but are not limited to:
    - i. School Psych
    - ii. School Counselor
    - iii. District Nurse
    - iv. District Transition Specialist
    - v. Healthcare Professionals
    - vi. DSPD
    - vii. Probation officer
    - viii. Group Home Manager
- III. IEP Meeting is held
  - a. All IEP meeting procedures should be followed
    - i. Examples
      - 1. Prior Written Notice of meeting
      - 2. Procedural Safeguards
      - 3. Meeting Notes
      - 4. All previously identified IEP members present.
  - b. Based on the result of the meeting the following determinations should be made
    - i. IEP and eligibility are current

- ii. Plan for further intervention to facilitate the student ability to be at the school
- iii. Examples:
  - 1. Reduced Schedule
  - 2. Further Services
  - 3. Check and Connect
  - 4. Home and Hospital (45 days or less)
  - 5. Home instruction (Change of Placement)
  - 6. Further evaluation
- IV. Based on the outcome of the meeting the IEP team should follow these procedures:
  - a. Home Instruction as a Placement:
    - i. If home instruction is the decision of the team, a Change of Placement needs to be represented on the IEP.
    - ii. The special education team lead must work together with the District Home Instruction Coordinator in order to develop a plan for providing curriculum for the student.
    - iii. Who will provide the Home Instruction?
      - 1. School Staff teacher, psychologist, SLP, etc. as determined by IEP
      - 2. District Staff teacher, facilitator
    - iv. How will the student access Core Curriculum?
      - 1. Examples:
        - II> Curriculum from school packets or materials from resource and/or regular education
        - III> Utah Student Connect
        - IV> Hybrid class
- V. Plan for further intervention/ evaluation
  - a. Documented on the IEP and or notes
- VI. Create a Re-Entry Plan
  - a. IEP goals should include a plan for re-entry into the least restrictive school environment
  - b. Dates should be proposed to review plan progress and to modify the plan if necessary
  - c. The team should plan on reviewing the student's progress about every three weeks. The review does not have to be an IEP meeting, but there should be a review of data and communication between the school, the home instruction facilitator, and the home concerning progress and next steps.
  - d. If changes are made, they need to be reflected on the IEP meeting notes.