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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Exceptional Student Education Directors  
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**FROM:** Bambi J. Lockman

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**SUBJECT:** **Technical Assistance Paper: Counseling as a Related Service**

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Educators and service providers throughout Florida are working collaboratively to ensure that schools and school districts make counseling services available to special education students. This is done in an effort to meet the Department's goal of providing "Quality Efficient Services" and improve the quality of education outcomes.

While counseling comes in many forms, the provision of counseling as a related service for students with disabilities has become an issue with districts. The purpose of this Technical Assistance Paper (TAP) is to clarify counseling as a related service, who can provide counseling and under what conditions.

If you have any questions regarding this document, you may contact Lee Clark, Program Specialist, by telephone at (850) 245-0478 or by electronic mail at [lee.clark@fldoe.org](mailto:lee.clark@fldoe.org).

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Attachment: Counseling as a Related Service TAP

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