



## MORENO VALLEY DRAMATICALLY REDUCES NUMBER OF OVERDUE IEPs USING SPECTRUM K12'S FLAGSHIP PRODUCT ENCORE!®

### MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Total Enrollment: 37,000  
Spec Ed Enrollment: 3,700  
School Sites: 37  
Special Ed. Teachers: 196

#### CHALLENGES

##### **Accountability**

- High percentage of overdue annual IEPs and triennials
- Reworking of state reporting due to inaccurate data

##### **Performance**

- Lack of collaborative and effective IEP meetings

##### **Accessibility**

- Inaccurate, misplaced and missing data

#### SOLUTION

Moreno Valley chose ENCORE! and reduced overdue annual IEPs from 535 to 42.

The Moreno Valley Unified School District in Southern California comprises 37 schools with more than 37,000 students, about 10 percent of whom receive special education services. Three years ago, because of an outdated information system, the district was having problems keeping track of, analyzing and reporting data on their students. IEPs were completed on paper by the child's school and sent to the district office for data entry. There was no easy way to identify which IEPs were approaching their due date or which were overdue. Paperwork was lost. There were data entry errors. Reports were inaccurate and had to be fixed manually. This cost the district time, money and staff resources.

In the fall of 2004, Moreno Valley adopted the use of Spectrum K12's flagship product ENCORE!. The Spectrum K12 team worked with Moreno Valley's special education administrators to review the district's processes, timelines and forms to ensure that they were integrated into the new system. Spectrum K12's solution has electronic forms that pre-fill data and eliminate redundant data entry, built-in compliance checking for forms and timelines, automatic assembly of forms packets for meetings, and automatic meeting scheduling. These features make it easy for staff to write complete, compliant IEPs and to hold meetings and deliver services on time.

##### **Accountability**

With ENCORE, Moreno Valley has reduced the number of overdue annual IEPs by 93% and the number of overdue triennials by 80%. "With ENCORE we were able to dramatically reduce the number of overdue meetings," said Ann Vessey, SELPA Director for Moreno Valley. "ENCORE automatically schedules future meetings and built-in compliance checking automatically flags upcoming meetings to ensure meetings are held within the timeframes mandated by state and federal law."

"Before using ENCORE, there were 535 overdue annual IEPs representing 14.69% of all annual IEPs and 195 overdue triennials - 5.35% of all triennials. As of December 1, 2006, those figures had dropped to 42 overdue annual IEPs which is now only 1.11% of all annual IEPs and 39 overdue triennials - 1.03% of all triennials. This reduction in overdue IEPs and triennials saves us significant time and effort."

"With ENCORE we are able to get a very accurate student count even with a large transient population. The accuracy of the data in ENCORE helps us with our class lists and enrollment projections which greatly enhances the accuracy of our resource allocations," said Vessey.



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**Ann Vessey**  
**SELPA Director**  
**Moreno Valley Unified**

### PRE-ENCORE!

Overdue IEPs	535	14.69%
Overdue Triennials	195	5.35%

### POST-ENCORE!

Overdue IEPs	42	1.11%
Overdue Triennials	39	1.01%

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As is typical of school districts that use Spectrum K12, Moreno Valley found that its special education staff could now spend more time on instruction and improving student achievement and less time on administrative issues.

#### Performance

"ENCORE has enhanced the effectiveness of our IEP meetings by focusing the meeting on the student rather than on the IEP process," said Vessey. "In an increasing number of cases, the draft IEP in ENCORE is projected during the IEP meeting using an LCD panel which provides real-time collaboration between the student support team and the parents. As all participants in the IEP meeting collaborate, changes can be made instantly ensuring everybody is in agreement and that the focus stays on the student."

#### Accessibility

"ENCORE has provided site administrators and me with instant access to every IEP," said Vessey. "This ability is extremely valuable when we are corresponding with parents. At my fingertips, I have immediate access to the latest information on each student ensuring I am conveying accurate, current information."

#### about ENCORE!

ENCORE! helps schools dramatically improve special education management by ensuring compliance with state and federal law, saving training time, eliminating duplicate data entry, providing ease of access to centralized information and - ultimately - saving hundreds of dollars per student.

#### about Spectrum K12

Based in Towson, Md., Spectrum K12 School Solutions, Inc. helps school districts more effectively manage the individualized learning process for all students receiving special services or interventions. Spectrum K12's ENCORE! suite of products serves districts with enrollments of 3,000 through those exceeding 300,000 students. Spectrum K12 works collaboratively with districts to deliver scalable, easy-to-use software solutions that lift the burden of paperwork from education professionals so they can focus on the most important part of their work: educating children and improving student achievement.

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