**One of the effective ways to fade paraprofessional supports in the classroom is to enlist the help of peers and implement peer-mediated intervention and instruction (PMII).**

**Step 1: Who would be the best peers to help your student(s)?  Identify 2 - 4 peers that have the qualities of a good peer support. Some qualities to consider are strong social skills, being well-liked by peers, having a similar schedule or academic grouping, and a desire or willingness to participate or help your target student(s). List students below.**

**Step 2: Do the selected peers need any basic explanation about disabilities, differences, helping others, etc.?  How would you explain this to them?  How would you manage confidentiality at the same time? Write a brief statement of explanation for the peers that includes these considerations.**

**Step 3:  How do you want the peers to support your student(s)?  Select 1 or 2 specific behaviors or activities that you want the peers to help teach/shape and list below. (Hint: Start Small!)**

1.
2.

**Step 4:  Peers are working *to help you and your student*, so how do you recognize and support their efforts so that they're motivated to help out next time? List some ways you could reinforce and recognize your peers. (Hint: Tangible items are excellent choices, but not the only way to reinforce participation. Think about special privileges, access to a preferred activity like an extra recess, public recognition, notes/calls home, homework reduction, bonus points, etc. Be creative so they feel appreciated!)**

**Step 5:  Implementation of PMII will be an ongoing process and will take practice and time. Answer the questions below to guide your implementation.**

**Who else might need to be informed of the PMII?**

**How/where/when will you practice PMII with the supporting peers before they try it with your target student(s)?**

**What might you do if the target peer doesn’t respond to or denies the peer support on the first try?**

**How will you know that the peer intervention is working? How will you continue to fade your supports?**