

PREPARING FOR THE IEP MEETING

1. Get copies of your child's educational and medical records and review them.
Review school work, notes from teachers, personal observations.
2. List what you see as your child's strengths.
3. Discuss strengths and goals with your child. (if appropriate)
4. Prioritize your long range goals for your child.
5. List services your child needs to attain the goals you have set.
6. List your expectations about:
 - Progress reports
 - Discipline methods
 - Helping at home
 - Short term goals
 - Related services
 - Home/school communication
7. Discuss your child's IEP with other family members, friends or advocates who are part of your support network to help clarify your thinking.
8. Make a list of the questions you would like answered.
9. Brush up on ASSERTIVE communication skills. Prepare yourself to be treated as a professional case manager for your child. DRESS and ACT the part.
10. Notify the school if you're bringing a support person.

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