

Essential Links

Parent Links

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Getting Ready for the IFSP Meeting



TO DO LIST

Before the meeting

- Prepare by making a list of the things you want to discuss.
- You may ask to see what's in your child's school file to help you prepare.
- If you'd like, you may invite someone to come with you to the meeting (friend, relative, advocate, Parent Link Consultant, therapist, etc.) to be a support, provide information, or take notes. Inform the school ahead of time if someone else will be coming with you to the meeting.

Think of your child in various situations (home, school, community). What are your child's particular strengths and needs in these situations?

- Jot these ideas down before the meeting.

At the meeting

- Bring any records, notes that would be helpful.
- Review your past IFSP, circling objectives which have not been met. Should they remain on the IFSP? Should the methods of instruction or criteria be changed?
- Place a check beside objectives that have been completed. Ask about the next step.
- Know what your child can currently do in each area. What is his/her present level of performance?
- Do the goals and objectives/outcomes address every area of delay found in the evaluation and in the present levels of performance section of the IFSP?
- Make sure outcomes are measurable. Will the teacher be able to show you progress?
- What amount, place or type of service would be appropriate for your family and child based on your child's needs and your family's desires?

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