

Advocacy Resources

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- IEP Meeting Checklist (Image Below)



IEP Meeting Checklist

BEFORE THE MEETING	DURING THE MEETING	AFTER THE MEETING
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Request a draft of the IEP, updated progress report, raw data, and any documents that will be discussed be sent home prior to the meeting.✓ Write your parent input statement and send to casemanager prior to the meeting.✓ Review the meeting notice for team participants...if someone is missing, reach out to the casemanager.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Confirm required members will be present for the duration of the meeting✓ Ask to review the agenda for the meeting.✓ Take notes and ask questions.✓ Confirm next steps and ask for a timeline for completion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Review the meeting notes and if you have questions, contact the casemanager, ASAP.✓ Keep track of dues dates on a calendar.✓ Complete any next steps and follow-up with the casemanager.✓ Carefully review all paperwork that comes after the meeting and if you have questions, ask!!

Notes :

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- Classroom Checklist
https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=825282d797&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1776426822702830089&th=18a722c888ad9209&view=att&disp=inline&realattid=f_lm9uj4x20
- Parent Input Statement
https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=825282d797&attid=0.2&permmsgid=msg-f:1776426822702830089&th=18a722c888ad9209&view=att&disp=inline&realattid=f_lm9uk3go1
- 5 Questions to Ask at IEP Table
https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=825282d797&attid=0.3&permmsgid=msg-f:1776426822702830089&th=18a722c888ad9209&view=att&disp=inline&realattid=f_lm9unqed2

Podcast

1. **Special Education Advocacy-**

https://open.spotify.com/show/1omeZnnpRJ5h9YRyaPEZZX?si=exECvEmKS_2xXmkpZ6M6vQ

In these podcasts we'll discuss all things special education – from eligibility to implementation of the IEP. We'll talk about basic concepts and dive deeper into specific topics. We'll talk about self-care for caregivers and professionals that support children on IEPs. We'll discuss best practices, behavior, therapies, and more!

2. **The Special Needs Mom Podcast: Being an All-Star Advocate with Gay Grossman-**

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/6C2hCZHgaIMjw7vLEWHzS2?si=XTTe5P81QFO78kWzLyVX5A&nd=1>

Welcome to the podcast! This week's guest is Gay Grossman. Gay shares about her experience in the rare disease community, life with her daughter, and ways to be an awesome advocate for yourself and your special needs child.

3. **Parenting Impossible: How to be Your Best Advocate with State Agencies when Fighting for Services-**

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/5sQNLA6nA5h9YQ5VkXKlir?si=DLm6eIRzR-6m4pSuUDRoqQ>

Celebrating the 33rd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we're taking a deep look into ableism and its effects on disability rights. Host Annette Hines is joined in this conversation by Peter Morin, an attorney from the Special Needs Law Group who is committed to providing a voice for the vulnerable and ensuring they receive the essential services they need.

4. **Parent to Parent: Special Education Your Child & School-**

<https://www.php.com/elearning-category/special-education-elearning/>

Information

1. **Parent to Parent: Advocacy-**

<https://www.p2pga.org/roadmap/advocacy/education-advocacy/>

2. **Debbie Dobbs-** <https://www.debbiedobbs.com/>

3. **S.N.A.C.K** (Special Needs Advocacy of Cobb Kids, Inc.)- <https://www.snackinc.org/>
4. **SEAC** (Special Education Advocacy and Consulting, LLC)- <https://www.seac.company/>
5. **WrightsLaw**- <https://www.wrightslaw.com/info/advo.index.htm>
6. **Above and Beyond Caring: 22 Tips for Effective Special Needs Advocacy**- <https://www.wrightslaw.com/info/advo.index.htm>
7. **Your IEP Source**- <https://youriepsource.com/special-education-advocate>
8. **Special Education Parent Support and Legal Aid Providers** (Some resources may be outdated)- https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Documents/Parents%20Rights/Sp_Ed_Legal_Aid_Providers_9-11.pdf

Legal Information

1. **Georgia Department of Public Health: Advocacy**- <https://dph.georgia.gov/advocacy>
2. **GOV** (Georgia Advocacy Office)- <https://thegao.org/news-resources/helpful-links/education-resources/>
3. **ADA.GOV**- <https://www.ada.gov/resources/child-care-centers/>
4. **American Legislative Exchange Council**- <https://alec.org/model-policy/the-special-needs-scholarship-program-act/>

Scholarship Funds for Private School

1. **Georgia's Special Needs Scholarship**- <https://www.georgiaspecialneeds.com/>
2. **edCHOICE**- <https://www.edchoice.org/school-choice/programs/georgia-special-needs-scholarship-program/>