

Navigating Special Education Resources: Top 10 Resources Every Family Should Know About

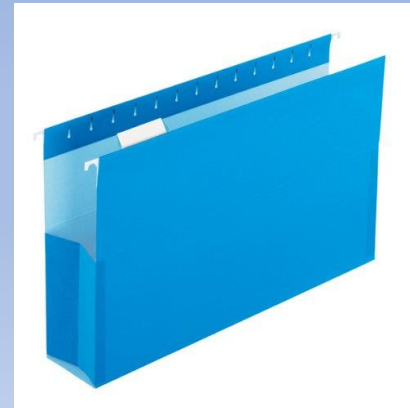
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Training Objectives

- Build awareness of specific strategies and resources to use
- Build knowledge and skills that can be used to become a more confident advocate and effective team member

Organizing – First Step to Being the Best Advocate Possible

- The Parent Record File provides a way to organize materials that a parent can bring to the IEP meeting. The dividers in the folder provide information about the special education process.
- Other Organizational Options: 3-ring binders, bankers boxes, plastic containers, file cabinets, and Google Folders/Documents



Parent Record File: Front of File



Key handouts and resources that you will find include:

- WSPEI Brochure
- Special Education Procedural Safeguards Booklet (Parent's Rights)
- Frequently Used [Acronyms](#) and Terms

Birth to Three

Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)



Key handouts and resources that you will find include:

- Families are the Foundation – [English](#) / [Spanish](#)
- Infant Mental Health Brochure – [Website](#)
- Developmental Milestones Brochure - [English](#) / [Spanish](#)
- Milestones Tracker [App](#)

Things to keep in here:

- Your child's IFSP
- Evaluation reports
- Staff contact information

Preschool Transition



Key handouts and resources that you will find include:

- [Child Find](#) brochure – Department of Public Instruction
- An Introduction to [Child Outcomes](#) - Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Things to keep in here:

- Information about transition to Early Childhood
- Information about the options and services

Home & School Communication



Key handouts and resources that you will find include:

- On Divider: Suggestions for Parents
- [Communication Options](#) for Families
- Steps to Success: [Communicating with your Child's School](#)
- Wisconsin Special Education Mediation System [Brochure](#)

Things to keep in here:

- Notes and communication from school.
- Contact information for school staff

Evaluations & Reports



Key handouts and resources that you will find include:

- On Divider: Evaluation, Re-evaluation & Independent Evaluations
- Student Snapshot (for families) - [English](#) / [Spanish](#)
- My Snapshot (for students) - [English](#) / [Spanish](#)

Things to keep in here:

- All evaluations from the school
- Outside physician reports
- Copies of consent for evaluation

Individualized Education Program (IEP)



Key handouts and resources that you will find include:

- An Introduction to Special Education Booklet - [English](#) / [Spanish](#)
- [IEP Checklist](#) by WI FACETS

College & Career Ready IEPs Brochure for Families - [English](#) / [Spanish](#)

Things to keep in here:

- Annual IEPs
- Progress Reports on IEP goals

Transition



Key handouts and resources that you will find include:

- Parent / Youth Guide to Post-Secondary Transition Planning - [English](#) / [Spanish](#)
- Wisconsin Transition Resource Guide - [English](#) / [Spanish](#) / [Hmong](#)
- How to Use the WI Transition App Information Sheet - [Document](#)

Examples of items to keep in here:

- Transition Assessment Information
- Work experience evaluations
- College and ACT testing information, etc.
- Contact information on agencies such as DVR

General Information



Key handouts and resources that you will find include:

- Special Education in Plain Language - [English](#) / [Spanish without Supplement](#)
- WI FACETS Brochure - wifacets.org
- WI FACETS Training Calendar
- Agency brochures

Examples of items to keep in here:

- Medical Records and other personal information
- School pictures, school work samples, etc.


Spanish Parent Record File



Key handouts include:

- Communication Options for Families
- Student Snapshot & My Snapshot
- Introduction to Special Education
- Special Education in Plain Language
- And much more!!!

Resources for Families New to Special Education

- Introduction to Special Education 
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCdR2vA1g20>
- An Introduction to Special Education- booklet 
https://drive.google.com/file/d/0ByZ_f67UtVysTDZrQWY3WVZUVjg/view

Top 10 Resources for DFELs

1. Frequently Used Education Acronyms & Special Education Terms List
2. Communication Options for Families
3. DPI Agencies & Organizations [Webpage](#)
4. Andrew F. [Talking Points](#) Worksheet
5. Introduction to Special Education
6. Input Forms: My Snapshot, Student Snapshot, Positive Student Profile
7. Special Education in Plain Language
8. Supported Decision-Making [Booklet](#) from WI BPDD
9. WI FACETS IEP Checklist
10. WI FACETS Training Calendar

Questions?



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