

YOU, ME AND THE IEP

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THE IEP IS A LIVING DOCUMENT

- It grows and changes with your child.
- It is mandatory to meet once a year.
- It is a legal document but not a heartless one.



**EVERY VOICE
MATTERS ON
THE IEP TEAM.**

ESPECIALLY THE STUDENT

- We all need to speak in a voice and using vocabulary that everyone can understand? No teacher speak or expert speak.

LET'S KEEP THE ACRONYMS TO A MINIMUM

IEP	MDC	PLP
BIP	FBA	OT
PT	VT	AT
ALOP	ARC	DRC
PST	MST	RTI

OMG, it makes me want to say, "WTF" (Way Too conFusing).

What do you expect, I taught Math.



**AS LONG AS THE
CONVERSATION
CONTINUES THERE IS
HOPE FOR
RESOLUTION.**

**STAY POSITIVE. A POSITIVE TEAM
CREATES POSITIVE RESULTS.**



IS IT TIME TO BRING IN AN ADVOCATE?

MAYBE / MAYBE NOT. LET'S LOOK AT
THE PROS AND CONS.

DUE PROCESS

CONS

- Additional services.
- Vindication.
- Monetary decisions.
- Your phone calls and emails are returned first until your child graduates.

PROS

- The conversation is over.
- Teachers and administrators fear you.
- IEP meetings will never be collaborations again, but a discussion between plaintiffs and defendants.
- Due Processes tend to grow and multiply into further cases with neither side willing to budge.



QUESTIONS?