

Collaboration & Belonging

Everyone at the Table Has a Voice

RUNNING AN INCLUSIVE IEP MEETING

Establish Meaningful Participation Structures

Provide educators and families with planning checklists and training opportunities to cultivate active engagement throughout the entire IEP journey, rather than just during the meeting.

Prioritize Accessible Communication

Minimize technical jargon and provide translated documents or interpreters to ensure that every team member, regardless of their native language or background, fully understands the student's plan.

Foster Self-Awareness and Mutual Respect

Encourage team members to examine their own implicit biases and mental models to approach interactions more compassionately and with a genuine willingness to learn from others.

Allocate Time for Relationship Building

Maintain ongoing communication with families throughout the year through informal check-ins and shared digital platforms to build the trust necessary for true collaboration.



[Fostering Family-School Partnerships: Deepening Relationships to Empower Families as Equal IEP Partners](#)



[Fostering Collaborative IEP Processes: Overcoming Barriers and Building Strong Partnerships](#)



[IEP Success Companion Guide: Strategies for Collaborative and Student-Centered IEPs](#)



[Question Formulation Technique: Watch this seven minute video on supporting meaningful parent engagement in the IEP meeting](#)

