

Wrightslaw Advocacy Game Plan Checklist

TO DO	Completed	Date
Gather Information and Hone Advocacy Skills		
1. Read Crisis! Emergency! HELP! to help you devise short-term solutions and do long range planning. http://www.wrightslaw.com/advoc/articles/Crisis.html .		
Notes:		
2. Read From Emotions to Advocacy: The Parents' Journey to help you understand your emotions and how to use emotions as a source of energy and strength. http://www.wrightslaw.com/advoc/articles/Emotions.html		
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3. Read Your Child Has School Problems: Whose Fault Is It? to learn about "school culture" and how this hidden factor affects educational decision-making. http://www.wrightslaw.com/advoc/articles/ALESSI1.html		
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4. Review The Art of Writing Letters to learn how to write letters that get results, and how to avoid common pitfalls. http://www.wrightslaw.com/advoc/articles/letters.draft.htm		
Notes:		
5. Read three times and <i>highlight</i> : Understanding Tests and Measurements for the Parent, Advocate and Attorney to learn how to measure your child's progress in special education. http://www.wrightslaw.com/advoc/articles/tests_measurements.html		
Notes:		
6. Read Your Child's IEP: Practical and Legal Guidance for Parents & Advocates to learn about the legal requirements for your child's IEP and how to develop good IEPs. http://www.wrightslaw.com/advoc/articles/iep_guidance.html		
Notes:		
Learn Your Rights and Responsibilities		
7. Download IDEA 2004 (Statute and Pete's Commentary) http://www.wrightslaw.com/statute.htm		
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8. Contact your State Department of Education . Ask them to send you ALL their publications about special education. http://www.yellowpagesforkids.com/help/seas.htm		
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9. Contact your State Protection and Advocacy Agency . Ask them to send you ALL their publications about special education. http://www.ndrn.org/ndrn-member-agencies.html		
Notes:		
10. Contact your State Parent Training and Information Center or CPRC for help, information, and resources in your area. http://www.yellowpagesforkids.com/help/ptis.htm		
Comprehensive Evaluation		
11. Get a private sector expert involved who can evaluate your child , test him to measure educational progress, and make recommendations about the services he needs. http://www.fetaweb.com/help/eval.expect.meyer.htm		
Notes:		
Read One Book a Month		
12. Read One Book a Month: Find more information in the Advocate's Bookstore . http://www.wrightslaw.com/bkstore/bks_index.htm		
Name of Book and date completed:		
Join the Wrightslaw Online Community		
13. Subscribe to the Special Ed Advocate Newsletter . http://www.wrightslaw.com/subscribe.htm		
14. Read the articles, posts, and comments on the Wrightslaw Way Blog . http://www.wrightslaw.com/blog		
Notes:		
15. Ask or Answer a question on the Community Helpline . http://www.wrightslaw.com/blog/?page_id=38		
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16. Visit Wrightslaw on:		
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