Would you like someone to attend an IEP meeting with you?

Would you like to know more about your rights in the special education process?

Would you like to feel more empowered in educational decisions?

If you answered yes to any (or all), an IEP Mentor can help!



IEP Mentors:

- · Help families plan and strategize for upcoming IEP meetings
- Help families have high expectations for their sons and daughters and their futures by using the LifeCourse framework to plan for a good life
- Help families gain an understanding of community resources available
- Help parents understand their rights in special education processes and transition planning
- · Attend an IEP meeting with the family
- Provide follow-up after the meeting



Interested?

Call 316-945-7747

IEP Mentor Program

Free service provided by Families Together, Inc. through a grant from the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities (KCDD), and the Parent Training and Information grant through Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

Individualized consultation

- Review of IEP, evaluation, and/or BIP (Behavior Intervention Plan)
- Develop a plan for a good life using LifeCourse framework
- Plan and strategize for upcoming IEP meeting

Attend the IEP with the family

- IEP Mentor is not an advocate or lawyer
- IEP Mentor will assist the family by (1) explaining and clarifying procedures, (2) helping to introduce the LifeCourse framework and the family's vision of a good life, and (3) supporting the family to advocate for their child.

Follow-up meeting

- Discuss next steps and possible trainings
- Complete evaluation

IEP Mentor Agreement

I want to



- meet with an IEP Mentor to:
 - review my child's current educational records;
 - develop a plan for the good life; and,
 - prepare for an IEP meeting.
- have an IEP mentor attend an IEP meeting with me.
- meet with the IEP mentor after the IEP meeting.

I understand that

- the IEP Mentor program is free;
- the IEP Mentor will attend only one IEP meeting;
- the IEP mentor is not an advocate or a lawyer; and,
- I will complete an evaluation at the conclusion of the service.

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Program Goals

Encourage, Educate, and Empower families and youth by:

- increasing knowledge and skills in self-advocacy
- providing support and strategies for developing supportive educational programs
- finding effective solutions through the use of the LifeCourse Framework
- increasing knowledge of the special education process
- understanding the importance of the family's role on the IEP team.



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