

Nashua Early Education Program



**YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.
NOW, HOW DOES THIS PROCESS WORK?!**

THE REFERRAL IS RECEIVED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

YOU WILL BE INVITED TO A MEETING WITHIN 15 BUSINESS DAYS TO DISCUSS THE CHILD'S ABILITIES, DETERMINE WHETHER THE TEAM SUSPECTS AN EDUCATIONAL DISABILITY, AND DECIDE WHAT EVALUATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS A DISABILITY.

IF EVALUATIONS ARE RECOMMENDED (AND YOU AGREE TO THEM), YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED TO AN EVALUATION TEAM WHO WILL CONTACT YOU TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS.

IF THE CHILD IS FOUND TO BE ELIGIBLE AND REQUIRES SPECIAL EDUCATION AND/OR RELATED SERVICES (AND YOU AGREE), THEN AN IEP TEAM WILL BE ASSIGNED TO DEVELOP AN IEP.

AT THE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION MEETING, ALL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM (INCLUDING YOU) DISCUSS THE EVALUATION FINDINGS AND DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THE CHILD REQUIRES SPECIAL EDUCATION AND/OR RELATED SERVICES.

THE EVALUATION TEAM HAS 60 CALENDAR DAYS TO CONDUCT EVALUATIONS, WRITE REPORTS, AND HAVE A MEETING WITH YOU TO DISCUSS RESULTS AND DETERMINE THE CHILD'S ELIGIBILITY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION.

THE IEP TEAM HAS 30 DAYS TO DEVELOP A DRAFT IEP AND HAVE A MEETING WITH YOU. EVERYONE WILL REVIEW THE PROPOSED IEP TOGETHER AND WILL DISCUSS WHETHER IT SUFFICIENTLY ADDRESSES THE CHILD'S NEEDS.

PLACEMENT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE IEP MEETING. THE TEAM WILL WORK TOGETHER TO DETERMINE WHAT PLACEMENT WILL BE MOST APPROPRIATE FOR DELIVERING THE SERVICES THE CHILD NEEDS IN THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT (LRE).

ONCE THE IEP IS DEVELOPED AND AGREED UPON, THE CHILD CAN BEGIN TO ACCESS SPECIAL EDUCATION AND/OR RELATED SERVICES. YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER THE CHILD AT THE LOCATION WHERE THEY WILL RECEIVE SERVICES.

This process can seem confusing. Please don't hesitate to ask questions. We are here to help!

*When an action is being proposed, you always have 14 days to provide a response