

YOUR ROLE IN DECISION MAKING

As your child's parent, you have an important role in the decisions being made about your child's early intervention services. Here are some tips to help...

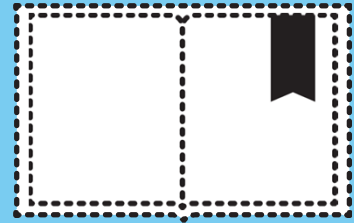


BE INFORMED

Research your child's specific area of need and know how it affects your child. Developmental milestone charts may be helpful. You should also know your rights as a parent. You can visit MPACT or DESE's website to assist in this.

BE VOCAL

You know your child best! Speak up to the team if you disagree with something and ask questions if you don't understand the decisions being made.



BE WELL ORGANIZED

Keep copies of records and documents important to your child's services including the IFSP. Also be sure to review the IFSP to ensure it meets your families needs and document your concerns or questions in writing.



BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT

Participate in meetings, decisions, and reinforcing goals at home. Keep lines of communication open with your child's providers and Service Coordinator.