

Family & Educator Partnership

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NOVEMBER UPDATE

Community Resources for Families of Children With Disabilities Information Available Now!

The Family & Educator Partnership Team recently added a section to the FEP web page that includes resources for families of children with special needs. The page will be updated frequently and additional resources will continue to be added. The page includes one-page fact sheets on services for families (*who, what, where, and when*), as well as additional online resources. To view the resources please visit the [Keystone AEA Family & Educator Partnership Page](#). Resources can be found under the “Community Resources” Tab.

A sampling of the fact sheets available are below:

Home and Community Based Waivers

- [Home and Community Based Waivers FEP Information Sheet](#)

Mental Health Services

- [Integrated Health Home \(IHH\) or Pediatric Integrated Health \(PIH\)](#)
- [Children's Mental Health Waiver](#)
- [Habilitation Services](#)
- [Community Circle of Care](#)

Disability Resources for Transition-Aged Youth

- [Regional Mental Health and Disability Services](#)
- [Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services](#)
- [Iowa Department for the Blind Transition Services](#)

If you would like to receive hard copies of the materials, please contact your school's AEA Core Team Member.

OCTOBER UPDATE

English and Spanish Family Special Education Resources

The Keystone AEA FEP Team has been busy adding new resources for families and educators to the [Keystone AEA Family & Educator Partnership Web Page](#). The following materials are available in English

and Spanish under “Special Education Resources for Families”:

- FEP Brochure
- Child Find Booklet
- Single Bookmark - Pages of an IEP Defined Opens a New Window
- What to Expect at an IEP Meeting
- Planning for Your Child's IEP Meeting
- Positive Student Profile
- Parent Information for Initial IEP Meeting
- Parent Information for Reevaluation

If you would like a hard copy of any of the resources, please contact your Core Team member.

Community Resource Sheets Coming Soon!

Community resource fact sheets will be available on the Keystone AEA Family & Educator web page after October 5th. These resources will include information on Waivers, IVRS, Mental Health Services, and more.

“Navigating Confrontations with Parent” Article

This brief article has some helpful tips on building relationships with parents that don’t take a lot of time. The article can be found [here](#).

SEPTEMBER UPDATE

Child Find Booklet

The Statewide Family & Educator Partnership developed a booklet to increase families understanding of the Child Find Process in Iowa. The booklet may also be a useful tool for general education teachers and school counselors, as it gives an overview of the entire process. It is intended to be a resource only, and does not replace the Procedural Safeguards Manual for Parents.

An electronic copy of the booklet is available [here](#). If you would like hard copies of the booklet to share, please contact your AEA Core Team Member. Our team will van mail copies to your school.

The Keystone AEA FEP Team has a variety of materials available to assist families in understanding the IEP process. A couple of additional handouts educators may find useful are:

- [What to Expect At An IEP Meeting](#)
- [Planning for Child’s IEP Meeting](#)

Spanish versions of materials are coming soon!

