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Individualized Family Service Plan

IFSPs are early intervention services for infants or toddlers with disabilities and their families.

Definition: Infant or Toddler with a disability

An infant or toddler from birth through age two who needs early intervention services due to:

- 1. Developmental delays**
- 2. A diagnosis that indicates a high probability of developmental delays**

Law: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – Part C



The IFSP

- **A written document**
 - **Based on evaluation**
 - **Lists services and supports the infant or toddler and family needs**
 - **States how services will be provided**
- *Services must be provided in the child's natural environment.**



IFSP/IHP Connection

An individualized health care plan is a written document designed to meet the specific health care needs of the child.

Children with disabilities and/or special health care needs who attend childcare settings will have Action Plans.

Action Plans must:

- **Be a written document**
- **Be based on an assessment of the child's strengths and needs**
- **Designed to help the child participate with same age peers**
- **Complies with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**



Individual Education Program

An Individual Education Program (IEP) is an annual written document which describes the unique educational needs of a child who receives special education services, and how these needs are going to be met.

Who qualifies for an IEP

- **Children ages 3 thru 21 who have a disability, and**
- **Need special education services**

Law: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – Part B



The IEP is.....

- **An annual written document**
- **Based on a comprehensive evaluation**
- **Must meet certain eligibility criteria**
- **Defines the child's strengths and needs**
- **Defines goals, accommodations, modifications supports and related services**

***Services must be provided in the child's Least Restrictive Environment.**



The IEP/IHP Connection

An Individualized Health Care Plan is a written document designed to meet the specific health care needs of the student within the school environment.

Eligible students may:

- **Require administration and/or monitoring of medication;**
- **Have a stable health condition but may require routine monitoring or crisis care;**
- **Use a particular device which compensates for the loss of vital bodily functions;**
- **require substantial and complex or frequent health care procedures to avert disability or death.**

(From "Servicing Students with Special Health Care Needs")



504 Plan

Definition of Disability:

Must have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of a person's *major life activities*.

Walking

Speaking

Learning

Performing Manual Tasks

Major Bodily Functions

Working

Hearing

Caring for one's self

Concentrating

Seeing

Breathing

Reading

Writing

Laws: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act



504 Plan

Definition of Disability :

Must have a record of such an impairment,

or

be regarded as having such an impairment

Eligibility Qualifications:

- **Based on the definition of disability**
- **Not age restricted (as with IDEA) it covers individuals from birth to death**
- **Not related to specific categories of disabilities (as with IDEA)**
- **Based on the functional impact of a physical or mental impairment, not just the need for special education**



The 504 Plan/IHP Connection



Remember:

- **An Individualized Health Care Plan is a written document designed to meet the specific health care needs of the student within the school environment.**
- **A 504 Plan is a general education intervention.**
- **IHPs are designed for any general education student who has health care needs that must be met in order for the student to participate in the educational environment.**



***Attach the IHP to the 504 Plan to have a comprehensive service plan for the student**

Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Americans with Disabilities Act

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 provides that:

“**no otherwise qualified individual with disabilities in the United States... shall, solely by reason of his/her disability, **be excluded** from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under **any** program or activity receiving federal financial assistance...”**

* Both the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) are civil rights laws.



Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law ensuring services to children with disabilities throughout the nation. IDEA governs how states and public agencies provide early intervention, special education and related services to more than 6.5 million eligible infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities.

Infants and toddlers with disabilities (birth thru 2) and their families receive early intervention services under IDEA Part C. Children and youth (ages 3 thru 21) receive special education and related services under IDEA Part B.

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Summary

- **IFSPs and IEPs are governed under IDEA**
- **504 Plans are governed under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and ADA**
- **An IHP should be attached to an IFSP, IEP or a 504 Plan**
- **IHPs address the specific health care needs of the child**
- **IFSP, IEP and 504 Plans address the educational needs of the child**
- **These plans work together to meet the need of the child**





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