

Returning to School with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)

The following resources may be helpful for families with children who are returning to school with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This webinar that will help families prepare, get organized and establish routines to start the school year off on the right track whether this is your first year having an IEP or if you are here to get some new ideas to make the school year as successful as possible.

For additional support, please reach out to the [parent mentor who covers your school district](#).

Get Organized:

Resources to help you get organized prior to the start of the school year

[How to organize your child's IEP binder \(understood.org\)](#)

[IEP Binder Checklist Understood.pdf](#)

[School contact list \(ctfassets.net\)](#)

[School communication log \(ctfassets.net\)](#)

[IEP Goal Tracker Understood.pdf \(ctfassets.net\)](#)

[5 tips on organizing your child's records in a three-ring binder \(understood.org\)](#)

[Introducing Your Child to the School Community Using a Student Snapshot Format \(pacer.org\)](#)

[Top 10 Tips: Ideas to Improve Parent-to-Professional Communication from PACER Parent Advocates](#)

Self-Advocacy:

These are resources to help your child be a better self-advocate

[NPC-5.pdf \(pacer.org\)](#)

[How Can My Child Be Involved in the IEP Process? \(pacer.org\)](#)

Get Involved:

These are resources if you want to be more involved in your child's school

As a parent, you know how valuable it is to be involved in your children's education. Parent/Family Involvement can happen in a number of ways: from helping with homework, to going to school events, to participating in development of an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) for your child, to serving on advisory groups and sitting on committees.

Here, you can learn more about different opportunities to participate.

[Parent Exploring Opportunities Form \(michiganallianceforfamilies.org\)](http://michiganallianceforfamilies.org)

Great Start Collaborative: [Great Start Readiness Program \(michigan.gov\)](http://michigan.gov)

Local Interagency Coordinating Councils (LICCs) are local planning and advisory bodies for the *Early On*® system, established through the sixty-four local service areas in Michigan.

[LICC Handbook - One Page Summary \(michigan.gov\)](http://michigan.gov)

[Michigan Local Interagency Coordinating Council Handbook](http://michigan.gov)

For PAC info: [list_of_mi_isds.pdf \(gomaisa.org\)](http://gomaisa.org) and [Family Matters Special Education Parent Advisory Committees Fact Sheet \(michigan.gov\)](http://michigan.gov)

[Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council](http://michigan.gov)

Michigan Alliance for Families Learning Resources:

Michigan Alliance for Families is a statewide resource to connect families of children with disabilities to resources to help improve their children's education. We help facilitate parent involvement as a means of improving educational services and outcomes for students with disabilities. Michigan Alliance for Families can assist you in knowing your rights, effectively communicating your child's needs, and advising how to help them develop and learn.

[MAF Staff Directory - Michigan Alliance for Families](http://michiganallianceforfamilies.org)

[Upcoming Events: Learning Opportunities - Michigan Alliance for Families](http://michiganallianceforfamilies.org)

[Videos - Michigan Alliance for Families](http://michiganallianceforfamilies.org)

[All Topics A-Z - Michigan Alliance for Families](http://michiganallianceforfamilies.org)

[Newsletter - Michigan Alliance for Families](http://michiganallianceforfamilies.org)