



# ***Parent Training and Information (PTI) Program***

## **RIGHTS, RIGHTS, RIGHTS**

**As the parent of a child with special needs, you have the right to:**

1. Expect a free, appropriate public education (F.A.P.E.) for your child.
2. Refer your child for an evaluation for a 504 plan and/or for special education.
3. Meet with the school district to decide whether or not to assess your child to determine if he or she has special needs (there must be written parental consent).
4. Be fully informed regarding testing:
  - What tests will be used and why?
  - What are the findings? Implications?
5. Ask for an independent evaluation at public expense if you disagree with the school district's evaluation results.
6. Actively participate in the IEP process as an equal member of the team.
7. Call an IEP meeting.
8. Be fully informed about the child's program and progress.
9. Ask questions.
10. Give input.
11. Understand what the school professionals are saying about your child.
12. Agree or disagree with the other members of the team.
13. Bring another person to the meetings.
14. Take the proposed IEP home to review before signing it.
15. Review your child's records.
16. Receive copies of anything that is in your child's records.
17. Be treated as a qualified professional regarding your child.

We have Parent Training and Information (PTI) Offices throughout the State. Contact our main office toll-free at 1-800-572-7368 (v/tty), [wapave9@washingtonpave.com](mailto:wapave9@washingtonpave.com) or visit our website [www.washingtonpave.org](http://www.washingtonpave.org) for the office closest to you.

## YOU ALSO HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES

**As the parent of a child with special needs, you have the responsibility to:**

1. Expect a free, appropriate public education (F.A.P.E.) for your child.
2. Keep a comprehensive file on your child.
3. Be professional.
4. Focus on the child.
5. Ask questions to clarify information.
6. Listen and consider the information from the other professionals.
7. Give feedback—positive as well as negative.
8. Be prepared as a member of the IEP team.
9. Stay informed.
10. Be consistently involved.
11. Be willing to share knowledge and information.
12. Work for the best interests of your child according to his or her needs.
13. Remember, you are your child's best advocate, because you know him or her better than anyone else does.

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