High quality educational services depend on collaborative planning among team members who view themselves as equal partners.



Share Knowledge

- Provide information in multiple formats.
- · Consult students on goals and dreams.
- Promote self-advocacy and self determination.

Effective and
Positive
Communication
among Parents
and School
Staff



Strive to Improve

- · Practice positive communication
- · Practice active listening
- Be open to feedback
- · Avoid jargon.



Involve Everyone

- · Encourage students to lead meetings.
- Invite all to share student's talents, interests and supports
- · Honor family expertise



Invite the Experts

- Invite experts on the student.
- Include state and local agencies early.
- Look to supports for independent living, post secondary education, and community employment.



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