



Support, Educate, Advocate

Mitochondrial Disease Action Committee

Sample of Contents for an IFSP.

This is the basic information obtained when you meet with a planner to write the Individual Family Support Plan. Keep in mind that every organization, school district, and medical office has its own variations of what the form will actually look like, but overall the information is inevitably the same.

1. Information about the child's developmental status, including statements about the child's present level of ability that are based on professionally acceptable objective criteria.
2. The basis for the determination of the child's eligibility of early intervention services under Part C of the IDEA states the purpose of an IFSP is to "enhance the capacity of families to meet the special needs of their children."
3. Summaries of the evaluation and initial assessment of the child and reports of any ongoing assessment.
4. A summary of the family's strengths, resources, concerns, and priorities related to enhancing the child's development (with the parents' permission)
5. A statement of the expected outcomes for the child and family, as identified by the IFSP team, and the criteria, procedures, and timelines to be used in determining progress toward those outcomes (or need for modification of outcomes).
6. The early intervention services needs to reach the outcomes. This will include the frequency, intensity, and services delivery model to be used; the setting in which the service will be provided; payment arrangements; the projected dates for initiation of services and their expected duration; and, if appropriate, medical or other services the child needs, but which will not be provided by the early intervention program, and the steps that will be taken to secure those services.
7. The name of the service coordinator.
8. Steps that will be taken to support the family through transitions.
9. Provisions for ongoing review, evaluation, and, when needed, revision of the plan.
10. Justification of when early intervention cannot be achieved satisfactorily in a natural environment must be documented and a denial must be submitted.