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Invite Support Coordinator to IEP Meetings

Is your child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) coordinated with his Plan of Care? A simple step to improve communication and planning is inviting your child's support coordinator to the IEP meeting. Coordination of plans requires communication and communication is best done in-person. If your child has an IEP and receives services through the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, consider informing your support coordinator of all key meeting dates held with your child's educational team. Support Coordination agencies were informed recently by the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities that participation in IEP meetings is permissible and recommended.

Having your child's support coordinator participate in school-based meetings is a great way to build relationships and ensure accurate and timely information goes into planning the services and supports your child needs. Information provided during school-based meetings may save you time in not having to repeat things later and offers the support coordinator the unique perspective from other professionals working with and caring for your child.