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Where do we begin? Asking yourself these questions...

- What type of programs are your children attending?
- A. Regular Stream
- B. Choice Program (French Immersion, Mandarin Immersion, Indigenous Focus, Montessori, Fine Arts, Mini School)
- C. Alternative Program
- D. One of the above with extra in-class support
- E. Student support program (Learning Support, Behaviour Support, Low Incidence and Gifted)

2. What does IEP stand for?

- A. Independent Education Program
- B. Isolated Exercise Plan
- C. Individual Exercising Progress
- D. Individualized Education Plan
- E. Incredibly Energetic Person

3. Why is the IEP important?

- A. So the student knows the rules
- B. Because the teacher needs a curriculum tool
- C. To support the student with adaptations or modifications & supports
 - D. To help create an accurate report card

4. How much personal time do you get in your day?

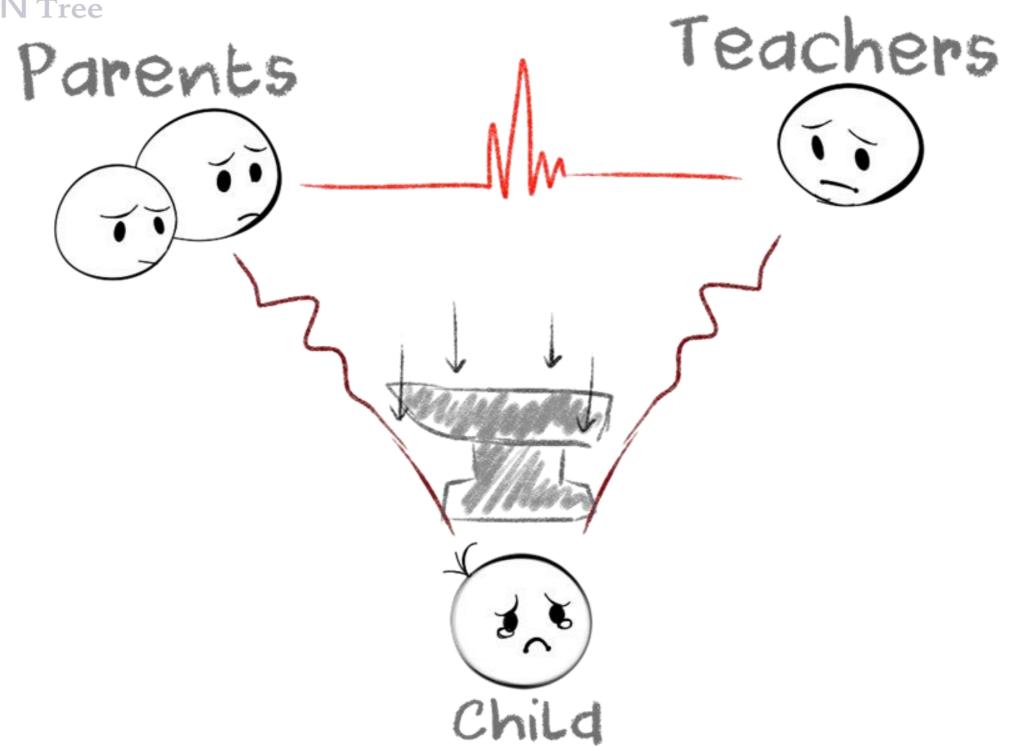
- A. What is personal time? I'm asleep before the kids
- B. Five minutes in the bathroom if I'm lucky
- C. My commute home from work
- D. A couple of hours of quiet after the kids go to sleep
 - E. Less than I'd like, but more than most

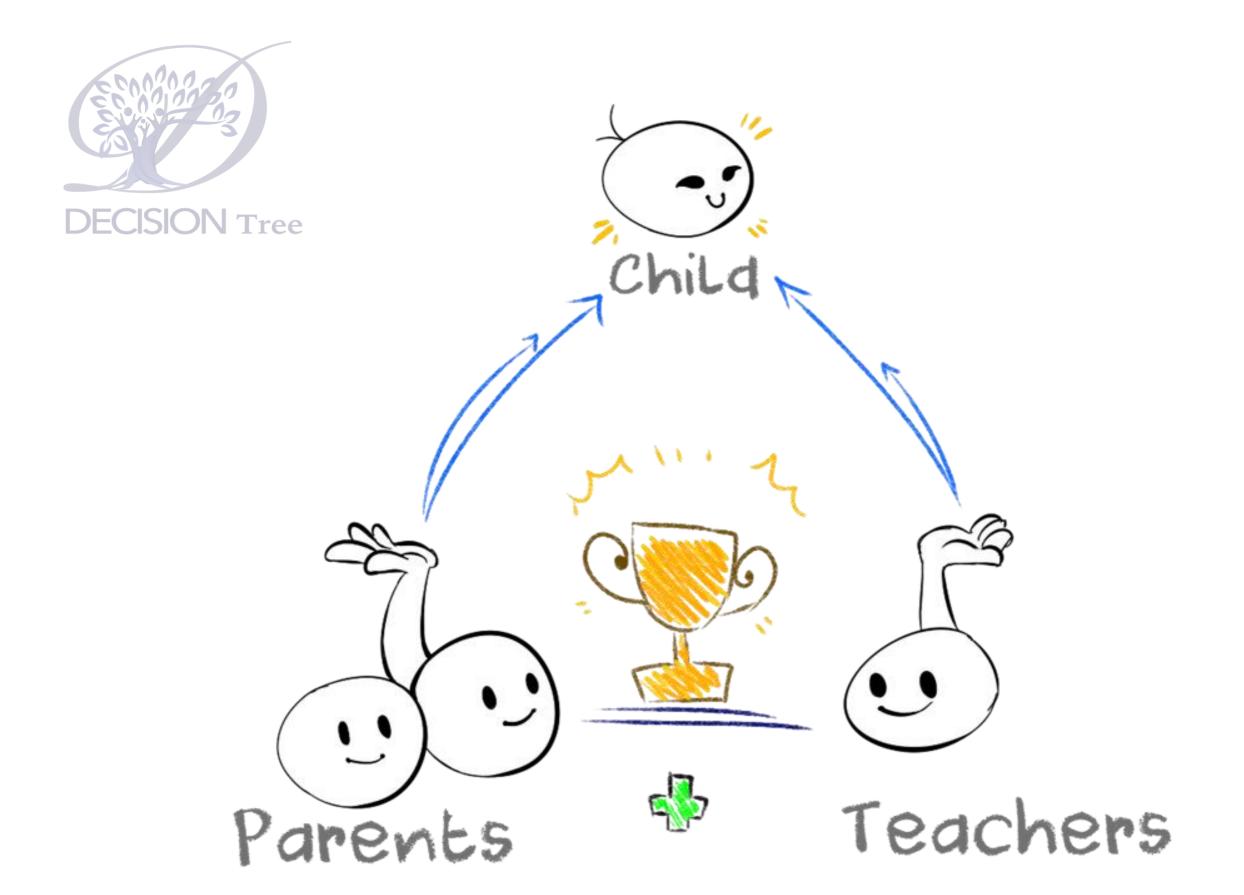
5. Do you struggle to get communication from your child's teacher?

- A. My teacher has an open-door policy and I visit them regularly
- B. I get occasional notices from them if there is something I need to know
 - C. I don't feel comfortable in schools
 - D. I write emails but rarely hear back
- E. I have not tried to communicate directly with them











The Binder

Communication:

- a) School contact list
- b) Communication log
- c) Letters and emails to and from the school

Evaluations:

- a) Request/referral for evaluation
- b) Consent to evaluate (keep copy if possible)
- c) Private evaluations (if your child has had any)

IEP:

- a) Copies
- b) Manual of Policies, Procedures and Guidelines https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarte-n-to-grade-12/inclusive/special_ed_policy_manual.pdf

Report Cards/Progress Notes:

a) Reports cards and progress reports

Behavour:

- a) Reports
- b) Communication

Supportive Information:

- https://www.loc.gov/law/help/child-rights/canada.php#Child
- http://www.ucca.ca/common/data/human-rights-of-children-and-youth.pdf
- https://www.loc.gov/law/help/child-rights/canada.php#Child Health and Social
 Welfare print out the page it links to (specifically sub-section under "Education")
- http://www.ucca.ca/common/data/human-rights-of-children-and-youth.pdf see pages 7 & 11
- http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/human-rights/human-rights-protection these next two links are specific to "escalation" process' which we avoid as much as possible to ensure there is healthy collaboration in the best interest of your child.
- http://www.bchrt.bc.ca
- (http://www.scc-csc.ca/case-dossier/info/sum-someng.aspx?cas=34041 & http://www.inclusionbc.org/human-rights-win-inclusiveeducation-moore-case - These are links to the "Moore" case which was a Supreme Court Ruling granting rights to access of services.
- https://blogsomemoore.files.wordpress.com/2012/03/iep-goals-rubric.pdf a template rubric on what goal outcomes could mean to you as a parent within your IEP

Inclusion is not a program but a mindset of social integration and how we treat others.

Language and Empathy Matter



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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gu 5XFdT7q8k&t=43s

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