



ASPIRE

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Real Engagement
Family Presentation***



Module One

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***STUDENT LED IEP'S
AND SELF-
DETERMINATION***

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- Student involvement in education planning.
- Student engagement.
- Student directed.
- Self determination.

Self-Determination: In Plain English

- Knowing and believing in yourself.
- Knowing what you want in the future **AND** making plans to achieve those goals.
- Knowing and asking for the supports you need to achieve your goals.
- Knowing how to make choices and decisions to improve your quality of life.

The Advantages of Student-Led IEPs

- Sifts the focus from adult-centered to student centered.
- Gives the student more control over their education.
- Increases student and family involvement and representation in the IEP process.

Why Should Your Child Take Control?

- They will learn to set goals for the future.
- They will develop a greater interest in achieving their goals.
- They will acquire self-esteem, self-advocacy skills and social skills.
- They can see how many people are working to help them to be successful.

Self-Determined Develops By...

- ...making choices about everyday activities.
- ...knowing your rights and responsibilities.
- ...understanding your strengths, challenges, likes and dislikes.
- ...setting goals for the future.
- ...understanding your accommodations.

A Team Effort

Requires the engagement of :

- the student,
- the family, and
- the school.