



Master IEP Coach® Directory

An IEP Service Provider Guide for All IEP Team Members



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Master IEP Coach®

Our Mission

and How We Help

Master IEP Coaches® are Idea-Bringers, Solution-Finders, and Team-Builders at the IEP table. They help you elevate your role to secure critical IEP supports for children who receive Special Education services.

Each year, tens of thousands of dollars worth of education is being left on the table because parents and teachers struggle with what to ask for and how to get a YES from the district. Master IEP Coaches® are the solution to this problem.

A Master IEP Coach® can help you say goodbye to old-school IEP goals, stop fighting over services, and start designing inclusion plans that work in the real world.

In addition to preparing you for your next IEP meeting, a Master IEP Coach® is trained to help you understand your child's or student's needs and navigate through conflicts that arise.

Your next level of success at the IEP table begins with a Master IEP Coach®!

Master IEP Coach® is the *Solution!*

Special Education parents and teachers have historically had a disconnect in communication and collaboration when working together on IEPs. In the past, teachers and parents only had options for traditional teacher training programs, adversarial advocacy programs for parents, and a consistent focus on legal issues for providing appropriate educational services. Teachers and parents have not been encouraged to work together proactively to avoid crises and prepare a child for long-term success based on the child's unique needs. But with the help of a Master IEP Coach®, results are happening:

- Special Education outcomes for students are improving in areas such as academic achievement, increased inclusion, and job preparedness.
- Less Conflict + More Results = better student experiences and results without unnecessary delays.

Master IEP Coaches® are here and ready to support your needs, be they personal or professional! Keep reading to find out how a Master IEP Coach® can bring help you!

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I've consulted with parents + IEP teams through hundreds (probably thousands, I stopped counting after the first decade) of IEP meetings since 1996. I've seen what is possible for a child's future when we design a child's IEP for the real world and I can teach you how to make it happen!





Your Master IEP Coach® Experience

What to Expect

How a Master IEP Coach® Can Help You

- Prepare for an IEP meeting
- Decide on Placement
- Write IEP Goals
- Negotiate Services
- Collect & Read Data
- Develop Behavior Plans
- Understand AAC
- Navigate through Conflict
- Provide both 1:1 and Group IEP Assistance
- Work with you online, by phone, in-person

What a Master IEP Coach® Does NOT Do

- Give legal advice
- Cause unnecessary tension for IEP teams
- Guarantee specific outcomes

Who Should Hire a Master IEP Coach®

- Parents who have children who are struggling in school
- Parents who have children who receive IEP or 504 services
- Teachers who want behind-the-scenes help navigating Special Education situations.

NOTE: Many Master IEP Coaches® also provide online and in-person training for parent and schools.

Benefits

Special Education should not be a lonely experience for parents and teachers. Master IEP Coaches® will be with you every step of the way! We know your every special education situation is unique, but rest assured that you can find the perfect fit in a Master IEP Coach®!

Our Promise to You

We will always keep children first. Master IEP Coaches® are ready to help you and your school design IEPs that prepare children for further education, employment, and independent living.

What Master IEP Coaches® Have to Say:



"Even as an educator the IEP table can be a scary, stressful place. [Becoming a Master IEP Coach®] has helped me to better understand a parent's role and how to help parents and children get what they need with a collaborative team approach." - Megan C.

"As a Special Education teacher, I am passionate about helping others. I am dedicated to the families of the children I teach, my colleagues, and my classroom. I can now guide more families through the Special Education process." - Meredith M.



Master IEP Coaches® *What We Do*

Master IEP Coaches® are Experts at Collaboration Between Parents and Schools.



IEP Consults

Whether in person, online or by phone, Master IEP Coaches® are idea bringers and solutions finders at the IEP table.



Parent + Team Support

We know your situation is unique. We have extensive resources to make sure you have all the expertise you need.



Professional Development

Bring in a Master IEP Coach® or our founder, Catherine Witcher, to work directly with your IEP teams for new Special Education strategies, services, and solutions.



Online Training

Both onsite and online, we have Master IEP Coaches® who can help both parents and schools in all areas of Special Education. Reach out if you don't see what you're looking for!



Ready to Get Started?

Next Step



Ready to Connect with a Master IEP Coach®?

Now that you've seen what the Master IEP Coaches® can do for you, it's time to reach out! In the following pages, you will find a State Indexed Listing of Master IEP Coaches® ready to serve you and your family. You have total freedom in who you reach out to-- Master IEP Coaches® work worldwide, so there's no need to limit yourself.

Each Master IEP Coach® has provided their credentials, a brief bio, and contact information to help guide you in your conversations.

Example

Jane Doe, M.Ed, Website Facebook Email 555.555.5555

BSE in Special Education, Certified Special Edu Teacher, Professional Development Presenter, Parent of 3 children with IEPs or 504 plans

I am a former High School Special Education teacher and the mom of three children with ADHD and anxiety. My favorite way to support other parents and teachers is through in-person and virtual trainings to navigate the special education process.



Arkansas

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Lesley Rogers, M.Ed. , [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Email](#)

Certified Special Education Teacher, ages 3 to 5 and K-12, Certified in Educational Leadership-Principalship K-12 and Certified Special Education Director

I am currently a special education supervisor and since I complete all referrals in the district, it's a true passion for me to help families understand the special education process. I also help transition preschool students receiving services to kindergarten. This is my thirteenth year in the field of special education!



Arizona

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Lindsey Prouty, [Instagram](#) [Email](#)

Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education- Northern Arizona University, Masters of Education in Special Education- Grand Canyon University

As a former elementary special education teacher, I recognize the barriers that parents face when advocating for their child. I specialize in supporting moms of children with special needs by educating them about the special education process and providing solutions to their IEP problems.

Jessica Walsh, M.Ed., [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#) 480.294.3262

Certified Special Education Teacher with Employment/Vocational Training Expertise. Proud Parent of a young child with an IEP. Grateful for both perspectives.

I am passionate about helping Special Education parents prepare their young adults for life after high school, by creating effective IEPs that position their young adults for meaningful participation in the real world.



California

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Susie Allison, M.A., [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Email](#)

Masters in Early Childhood Education

As a special needs Mom and former preschool owner/director, my vast IEP experience contributes to the strategic recommendations, and collaborative suggestions I share with parents of young children, diagnosed with ADHD and ASD. As equal members of the IEP team, and as the experts on their child's strengths and unique needs, parents must be heard.

Berny Garcia, [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#) 510.629.9509

As a special needs mom I like to help parents understand the IEP document and feel confident at the IEP table. As well as helping parents find their voice in a way that also helps build good relationships with their IEP team.

Shannon Iacobacci, [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#)

Certified Facilitator FASCETS NB Model, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Specialist, FASD Speaker/Trainer. Has trained 1,000+ parents, social workers, mental health professionals, educators, & students on FASD.

I am an FASD specialist, advocate, and parent. I love helping fellow parents of children with FASD, ADHD, and behavioral challenges with starter strategies for improved outcomes across all school settings, at home, and in the community.

Tiffany T. Lam, M.Ed., [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#) 657.377.5133

Master's in Education in Special Education ELE, B.A. in Psychology & Social Behavior, Undergraduate Researcher at UCI: Social Relationships in Kindergarten-Aged Children w/ Autism

I am a Special Education Consultant & Tutor and I love to help parents of children with learning disabilities (e.g., Dyslexia, ADHD) get appropriate and meaningful IEPs so their children can be academically successful.

Kirby Morgan, [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#) 760.277.5277

WrightsLaw trained

I love empowering parents to own their seat at the IEP table. Times of controversial IEP tables are over, working with parents to become collaborative members of their child's IEP team is my greatest joy. I wish I had a Master IEP Coach® to guide my way year ago when my son was diagnosed with Autism and entering their school district.

Nicole Niestrom, [Instagram](#) [Email](#) 630.453.7277

Certified in Special Education (LBS1) birth-22 year olds / Certified in Special Education K-12 in CA

I am a special education teacher who loves to help families plan for life after high school.



California

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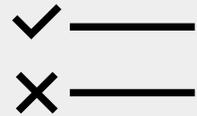
Hilary Shontz, [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#)

Certified Special Education Teacher

I help parents who need support understanding the process, jargon and timeline of the IEP and preparing for the next IEP meeting.

**SPECIAL
EDUCATION**

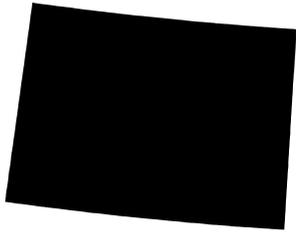
Myth



"IT'S SO HARD TO CHANGE THE IEP, TRUST THE IEP TEAM, GET THE DATA, AND FEEL CONFIDENT THAT YOU'RE MAKING THE BEST DECISION BOTH SHORT AND LONG TERM FOR A CHILD."

It doesn't have to be this way! Things being "so hard" and ridiculously exhausting in special education is simply because you only know how to do things the hard way.

Find an easier way and more strategies at masteriepcoach.com/blog.



Colorado

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Abbey Butcher, [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Email](#) 714.336.1669

FOCUS™ Certified Educator; Training with Dr. Amy Spoelstra; Tier 1 & 2 Trained for Collaborative Problem Solving through Think:Kids and HBCC; Licensed in K-12 Special Edu & K-8 General Edu in Idaho & California

I love to help families whose children struggle socially/emotionally/behaviorally get the support they need through the IEP process. I specialize in using brain based strategies; specifically in the area of accommodations, positive behavior supports and behavior intervention plans.

Lisa Mehlbrech, MA, [Website](#) [Facebook](#) 952.818.5104

Bachelors in Psychology and Communication, Masters in Communication Management. Has attended numerous 504 and IEP meetings for parents in the Denver area.

I am the parent of two neurodiverse kiddos - one AAA (Autism, Anxiety, and ADHD) and one with Anxiety. I love to advocate and help out other families with special education students to make school and life that much easier.



Florida

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Stephanie DeLussey, [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#)

Dual Certified Special Education Teacher N-12 and Elementary Education K-6

I am a dual-certified special education teacher, children's book author, and teacher mentor. I have a passion for creating adapted resources for students with special needs, and am a self-proclaimed #datanerd. I also provide professional development for teachers at colleges, conferences, and school districts.

Karen K Lowry, R.N., M.S.N., [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Email](#)

CHADD volunteer and taught community support classes for parents, Certified ADHD Coach, BCC

I have advocated for my fourth child with ADHD and Dyslexia throughout his journey of school. I see what it takes to ensure adequate support when a child has this very complicated neurobiological disorder of ADHD that so impacts educational access.

Peg Mitchell, MA, CCC-SLP, [Email](#) 609.413.3810

Certified Special Education Teacher, 40+ years experience at the IEP table as a SLP (Speech-Language Pathologist, Teacher of Deaf/HH, and Special Education Teacher)

I serve special needs preschool - high school students on the Autism Spectrum, Deaf/HH, and in need of speech and language services.

Sandy S. Santeiro, [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#) 813.785.9101

Former school employee turned IEP Advocate, Board member of Lawyers Autism Awareness Foundation, Mentor in the Not Your Average Autism Mom Mentorship, Service provider for 21 & Change IEP Advocacy Grants program

I am a mom of an Autistic son, a Bilingual Educational Advocate & Master IEP Coach®. I work with families of students with learning disabilities, special needs or other health care concerns, to get services & supports in the public school setting. As a first generation Cuban-American, I am proud to be able to support the Spanish speaking community.

Jenny Wojcik, [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#) 321.246.1631

Advocate with 15+ years, COPAA trained, trained thousands of teachers, certified teacher with 20+ years, extensive experience with autism, ADHD, trauma, behavioral struggles, communication disorders, & more

I love to partner with families who are navigating the IEP process.



Georgia

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Marcia Lindner, [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Email](#) 404.316.0591

Master's Level Social Worker and Educator. Presenter to schools, parents and organizations in the Greater Atlanta area. I have attended 100s of Eligibility and IEP meetings in the past 6 years.

I have more than two decades of experience as an educator, Director of Education, social worker and parent of two children with educational, social skill and behavioral special needs. . I love working with families who are new to the IEP process and are feeling overwhelmed and/or students who use behavior as a means express their feelings/needs.

BreAnn Robinson, [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#) 678.597.8792

Master Certified Life Coach, Board Certified Credit Consultant, Dyslexia Coach, ADHD Coach, Registered Behavior Technician, USATF/AAU Sports Coach, Spoken on a variety of podcasts, Online and In-Person IEP Workshops

I am a parent and sibling to individuals that have Autism and it is my passion to help fellow parents become the leader at their child's IEP meetings through developing collaborative strategies. My sole purpose is to provide educational services that promotes awareness, acceptance and advocacy through the aide of the parents.

Alexis Welch, Ed.S., [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#)

Certified Special Education Teacher, presenter at assistive technology conferences, owner and founder of The Peachy Speducator

I am a special education teacher who serves children and families in grades K-12 aged 3-22 who have moderate-profound intellectual disabilities and autism. I love working with AAC users and students with complex communication and medical needs. I love to collaborate with other teachers to write student-centered, creative, real-world IEPs.

Heather Wright, M.Ed, [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#)

Certified Special Education Teacher, Certified Elementary Teacher, Certified Middle School Math Teacher, Masters in Education (Behavior Disorders and Learning Disabilities)

I am an educational consultant with more than 15 years of special education experience with most of it being at the middle school level. I love helping families navigate the IEP process from beginning to end through collaboration.



Illinois

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Nichole Bustamante, [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#)

Board Certified Cosmetology Teacher, with teaching experience in the High School Vocational school setting. Member of the Illinois Association for Gifted Children.

I am a parent of a child with special needs. I have firsthand experience in the areas of severe expressive/receptive processing disorders, sensory and gifted-learning spectrums. My goal is to coach parents how to effectively advocate for their special needs child and assist in writing IEP, 504 and Gifted-Learning Plans.

Heather Cacioppo, M.Ed., [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#)

Bachelors in Special Education, LBS1, Masters in Curriculum and Instruction with a focus in Teacher Leadership. Has spoken on various Special Education podcasts and conferences.

I am a special education teacher mentor. I help self-contained teachers with individualized and personalized support to make self-assured educational decisions so that you can avoid the stress, overwhelm and burnout in our field. I believe special education teachers are better together!

Joanna Cohen, Ed.D., [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#)

Ed.D - Educational Leadership, MA- Learning Disabilities, Certified Learning Behavior Specialist, Principal Endorsement, Middle School Science Endorsement, 10+ years Special Education Teacher

I am a former special education teacher and current case manager and I love helping parents of students with learning disabilities who are 7-13 years old navigate the special education process and build collaborative relationships with the IEP team to improve student success both in and out of school.

Becca Del Real, [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#) 815.342.4534

Certified in Special Edu, Structured Teaching Method, & Therapeutic Crisis Intervention; Learning Behavior Specialist, Special Edu Agricultural program director, Feat. Speaker at Council for Exemotional Children Conf of NC

I am a Special Education teacher who specializes in significant support Special Education settings (i.e. separate day) and behavior in the classroom and at home. I have also provided several schools and businesses with professional development workshops.

Shelley Kenow, BS Special & Elem Edu, [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Email](#) 314.541.2181

Author of *Those Who "Can't..." Teach*, Certified Special Education Teacher, Host of web show called *#nolimits* and *Friday with Fran*, have partnered with lawyers and financial advisers to provide online workshops for parents

I am a 25-year veteran special educator who loves to help everyone at the IEP table level up their IEP. I have presented at several educator conferences and provided professional development for school districts, as well as developed video tutorials for teachers and parents.



Illinois, cont.

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Wanda Malone, [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Email](#) 630.803.8471

Member of Special Education Attorneys and Advocate, Wright's Law, Executive Functioning, Social Thinking & Advanced Advocacy Training, Board Member of the Aurora Advisory Commission on Disabilities

I am a special needs mom and Bilingual IEP Coach. I have been helping families navigate the overwhelming process of the IEP/504 for over 13 years. Areas of Expertise are but not limited to creating inclusion opportunities, Autism, ADHD, Executive Functioning, Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia and P.A.N.S/P.A.N.D.A.S.

Kim Saavedra, [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Email](#) 630.965.3410

TACA Member and Mentor, Have been a parent speaker for SD54 Symposium at Harper College

I am a mom of 2 sons, both with Autism and ADHD. Our journey through Successful School District Collaborations, Special Education, Therapeutic Day Schools, Gen Ed Mainstreaming, Home Therapies, Special Diet, Biomedical & Resources has fueled my passions to help other families have success stories through their special needs journeys.

Marsha Swartz, 504/IEP Consultant, [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Email](#) 773.407.0898

Bachelors in Psychology & Educational Studies, Certified Elementary Education Teacher, Taught an inclusive classroom for 15+ years, Have attended 504 and IEP meetings as a parent for the last 3 years

I am a Certified Elementary Education Teacher and a parent of two children with ADHD, Sensory Processing Disorder, and Generalized Anxiety Disorder. I love to collaborate and coach special needs families through their child's 504 and IEP process, so that each child can reach their fullest potential based on their unique needs.

Stephanie Vera-Klein, [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Email](#) 630.770.9687

Certified special education teacher with a bachelors in Spanish language & literature. Formally trained in applied/verbal behavior analysis and Elementary common core curriculum and interventions for reading and math

I am a parent of two unique children with special needs. I love to help parents who's children fall outside of the box of what is typical in Special Education.



Indiana

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Nicolette Lesniak, Ed.S, [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#) 219.230.6409

Certified Special Education Teacher in Indiana and Illinois. Educational Specialist, Ed.S; Curriculum and Instruction, M.Ed; MAT Special Education.

I am a Special Education teacher who loves coaching teachers and parents to make the IEP process easier by building strong partnerships with all members of the IEP team. By doing so we align the curriculum to meet your child's unique needs. I've presented professional development sessions nationwide that inspire teachers to think create engaging lessons that are personalized, build students confidence, and include parent and student voice. I've provided virtual webinars and online IEP workshops for educators.

5 Tips for *Emotions* at the IEP Table

ALWAYS MAKE DECISIONS WITH DATA

PAUSE WHEN YOU FEEL PASSION TAKING OVER

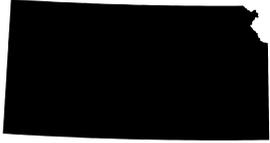
REMEMBER THIS IS ONLY ONE MEETING

YOUR VOICE MATTERS, OTHERS DO TOO

ASK YOURSELF, CAN WE SOLVE THIS AFTER THE MEETING?

Trying to manage all the decisions and your emotions at the same time can be tough (almost impossible) and overwhelming.

That's why there's an entire community of parents, teachers, and Master IEP Coaches® ready to support you!



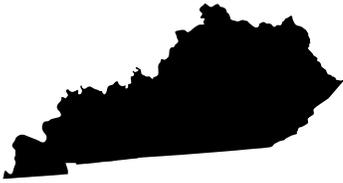
Kansas

Master IEP Coaches®

Cassandra Sines, [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Email](#) 316.573.7097

Experienced Parent

I am a parent of two boys with Autism. One of my boys has behavioral challenges. I can help if you have those challenges as well. My oldest is 19, which allows me to help with transition services. I also have a lot of experience with transitioning from infant-toddler to early childhood services within the school district.



Kentucky

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Steve Hutton, Ed.D., [Email](#) 859.802.7806

30 years experience as Elementary Teacher, Instructional Supervisor, Director of Special Education, Superintendent, Executive Director of the Kentucky Center for Instructional Discipline.

I am a former teacher and administrator, and now IEP coach. I've witnessed the barriers that parents face with IEPs. I am passionate about helping parents K-12 and their children. I work with parents of children with epilepsy, behavior issues, ADHD, executive function issues, and specific learning disabilities. I serve families in KY, OH, IN, TN.



Louisiana

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Ida R. Wilson, M.P.A., M.Ed., [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Email](#) 504.314.0102

Certified M/M Special Education Teacher; M.P.A. & M.A.T.; Has facilitated 150+ IEP Meetings; Have presented I.E.P. professional development sessions in the southern Louisiana region

I am a certified Special Education mentor who loves to assist fellow educators, administrators and school systems construct effective IEPs using functional strategies through constructive collaboration and diversified techniques proven to render quality results.

4 Ways to *Prep Yourself* Before an IEP Meeting:

- 1 STOP THE NEGATIVE SELF-TALK.**
You have done and will continue to do amazing things at the IEP table.
- 2 GET YOUR DATA TOGETHER.**
Bring more than you think you need.
- 3 THIS IS ONLY ONE MEETING.**
There can always be another meeting.
- 4 REMEMBER WHY YOU ARE AT THE IEP TABLE.**

There are dozens of steps to prep for an IEP meeting... these 4 are worth adding to your list!

Grab your free IEP Checklist at iepchecklist.com.



Maryland

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Whitnee Liverpool-Cummins M.Ed MAT, [Instagram](#) [Email](#) 410.925.0149

Masters of Art in teaching early child and elementary education , Masters of Education in Special education focus in Early intervention, Former CASA

I love helping families with young children, birth to kindergarten. I have worked and lived in various counties within Maryland, thus I am very familiar with MD school systems. I currently coach early childhood sped teacher in inclusionary practices. I can't wait to help you and your family.

Kearney Doherty, M.Ed., [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Email](#)

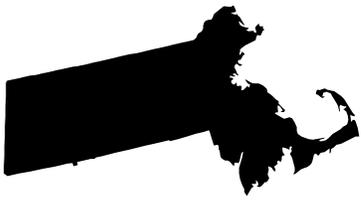
Certified Special Education Teacher, worked over 15 years in various special education settings, lead over 100 IEP meetings, provided workshops for small groups on special education topics.

As a former Special Education Teacher and Administrator, I continue to help children with academic and behavioral needs by supporting their families with the Special Education Process and actively promoting strategies that fit their child's individual strengths and needs.

Beth Nolan, MAT, [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Email](#) 410.793.7060

Has over 20 years of experience in education as a Teacher, School and School District Administrator, and Consultant. Has presented professional development sessions for organizations on the East Coast.

I have worked within a variety of settings, always looking to ensure that a collaborative approach was taken to meet a shared vision. I use this approach in my work with Education Team Allies to ensure that children are receiving the educational supports necessary to meet their goals.



Massachusetts

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Tracy Miller, [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#)

JD, community organizer, advocating for 12+ years

I'm the parent of a child with Autism, and I coach other parents to advocate for their children effectively, using their own unique leadership style.



Minnesota

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Rebekah Schulz, [Email](#) 651.399.2990

Paraprofessional in a Fed III ASD Setting

I am a parent of an autistic daughter, a paraprofessional in a Fed III ASD setting, and studying for my teaching license in Academic and Behavioral Supports. I am especially passionate about helping parents of autistic girls to access the supports they need through appropriate IEPs.



Nebraska

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Keischa Pruden, [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#) 1.800.200.9849

Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor Supervisor, Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist, Certified Clinical Supervisor, Child Parent Psychotherapist. Spoken extensively about autism, IEPs, and creating villages.

I am a parent of a child with multiple diagnosis, who is here to help parents collaborate with their IEP team so that they can get appropriate supports for their child's social, emotional or behavioral needs at school.

Angie Willey, [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Email](#) 402.499.4022

Advanced Signing Time Instructor, Has spoken on stages for the National Down Syndrome Congress on using Sign Language and Potty training. Have provided online and in person IEP workshops for parent support groups

I am a parent of a child with multiple diagnosis, who is here to help parents collaborate with their IEP team so that they can get appropriate supports for their child's social, emotional or behavioral needs at school.



New Hampshire

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Jennifer Pike, [Facebook](#) [Email](#) 603.526.2456

NH Leadership, PIC Volunteer Advocate, Parent to Parent, NH Council on ASD, and Autism Parent Connect

I am the parent of a child with multiple disabilities, including Autism, Agenesis of the Corpus Callosum, Epilepsy, Dyslexia, Disruptive Mood Dysregulation Disorder and more. I have experience in retaliation from the District and have worked for positive change with Legislators in the State.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION IS NOT ABOUT HELPING A CHILD "BE GOOD AT SCHOOL AND DO MORE WORK".

SPECIAL EDUCATION IS ABOUT HELPING A CHILD REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM, NOW AND FOREVER.

Catherine Witcher, M. Ed
Master IEP Coach®, Founder



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New Jersey

Master IEP Coaches®

Liane Bass, [Website Email](#) 862.277.0222

Former practicing attorney, Attended the Institute of Special Ed Advocacy at William & Mary Law School, Presentations to parent support groups include Myth-busting the Special Ed System.

I have ADHD and a learning disability and am a mom of a child with ADHD and love to help parents of kids with ADHD, learning disabilities, auditory processing disorder, and autism to collaborate with schools with a strong, informed voice and less stress to build IEPs that finally understand their kid and meet their needs.

Patricia Simpson, M.A., [Email](#) 201.565.1058

Retired Certified Special Education Teacher, Masters in Special Education

I am a parent and grandparent of children with Autism, I love to help parents by collaborating and sharing my experiences both personal and professional.



New York

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Lindsay Milton, [Facebook Email](#)

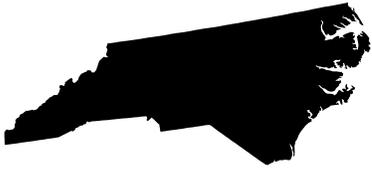
Bachelors in Elementary Education, Master IEP Coach®, Parent of Autistic child

I am the parent of an autistic child and a former elementary teacher who is passionate about public education. My goal is to support parents as they begin the IEP process so that they become a more confident member of the IEP team and can effectively advocate for their child.

Taikischa Orakwue, [Instagram Email](#)

Certified General Education Teacher, Certified Special Education Teacher, Certified Health Teacher

I am a parent of children living with Language Based Disorders: Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD) and Expressive and Receptive Disorder with a pinch of Visual Processing Disorder and the possibility of Dyslexia. My goal is to help all parents navigate through the evaluation and IEP process.



North Carolina

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Danielle M. Daigneault, [Facebook](#) [Email](#)

Licensure: Special Education, Reading Education, Autism Education and School District Administrator. Nationally Board Certified Special Educator

I have been a Special Educator for over 25 years. Many families struggle to get through IEP meetings because of all the jargon and acronyms being discussed. Too often the students are impacted by this because their families didn't know what they had the right to ask for. I am passionate about building knowledge bases and capacity in families.

Sri Hatharasinghe-Gerschler, MA, [Instagram](#) [Email](#) 760.274.3555

Masters in Human Behavior, Provides IEP workshops for parents in the areas of Early Intervention and Potty Training
I am a mom of three children, all of whom have different abilities. I enjoy helping families who have children on the Autism Spectrum as well as ADHD achieve successful IEPs.

Nicole Rowley, M.Ed, [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#)

Master's Degree in Special Education with certifications in mild to moderate disabilities and learning disabilities.
I am a Special Education teacher who enjoys working with parents who might be new to the IEP table and need support navigate the IEP process.



Ohio

Master IEP Coaches®

Amanda DeLuca, [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Email](#)

Have presented at the OACB conference. Has written a e-book and e-course with a fellow Master IEP coach. Has worked with clients in-person and virtually for over five years.

I am a mom to a child with Autism and love to serve parents who want to learn how to work collaboratively with their team at the IEP table. I specialize in behavior supports in the school setting, first-time IEP clients, and preschool to elementary transitions.

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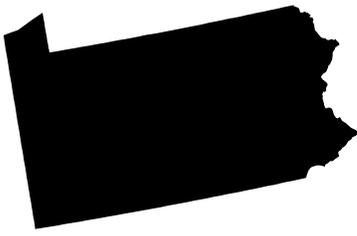
Certified Intervention Specialist; Masters in Special Education; Ed.S in Administration and Supervision; currently obtaining a Masters in Jurisprudence in Child Law and Policy/School Discipline Reform

I am a parent of children with a 504 and IEP and I found the college admission process to be very frustrating. I love assisting students with learning disabilities and their parents with effective transition planning and successfully prepare for their post-secondary education journey.

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Masters in Special Education, Dyslexia Certificate, CERI Certified Structured Literacy Specialist, Orton Gillingham Specialist, Author of *Hopeless to Hopeful; A Mom's Guide to Raising Kids With Special Needs and Staying Inspired*

I am a special education consultant specializing in working with student with reading difficulties including dyslexia. I am a certified dyslexia specialist and I am passionate about working with parents that have children who struggle in all areas of reading and writing. I have four children and two have autism so I have navigated IEPs with them.



Pennsylvania

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Jessica Beaty, B.A., [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#)

Bachelors in Sociology in Human Services; Offer IEP support for local parent support group; Helped 5+ parents with initial evaluations implementation

I am an Autistic adult & a parent of two Autistic children with ADHD, learning disabilities, and other chronic conditions. I love to help fellow parents, between the ages of Pre-K through Elementary School, clearly define what are their child's individualized needs in the IEP & strengthen communication between school and home.

Mary Price, [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#)

Bachelors in Nursing, Villanova University

I am the parent of a special needs child and it is my honor to help fellow families that are new to special education identify IEP strategies that will help their child succeed in school and life.

Diana Prowitt, [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Email](#) 724.350.0625

I'm the mom of a child with ASD, ADHD and severe anxiety. I love helping families clearly understand and communicate their child's needs, collaborate effectively with their IEP team, and get their child the services, supports and placement they deserve.

Dana VanCoillie, [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Email](#)

Bachelors in Psychology and Masters in Elementary Education

I am the mom of a special needs child with 22q, ADHD, developmental coordination disorder, executive function disorder, language and communication disorder, sensory processing disorder, anxiety, obsessive behaviors, and scoliosis. I love to help others get the most out of the IEP process. I love collaborate and think outside of the box.

Casey Waugh MS, OTR/L, [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#)

Occupational therapist

I am an occupational therapist, specializing in sensory processing and feeding, I help parents collaborate with the school to create a plan that meets sensory and safety needs required for academic learning, I work with parents at any point in the process, from asking for an evaluation to customizing the IEP



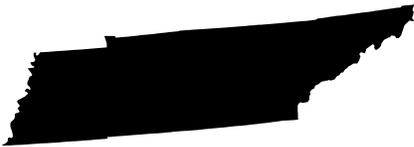
South Carolina

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Crystal Holder, [Website](#) [Facebook](#) [Email](#)

Bachelors in Communications, Completing a Masters in Social Work, Graduate of Partners in Policymaking

I am the mom of a child with Down syndrome and a child with ADHD and learning challenges. I love helping families build strong relationships and communication with the IEP team.



Tennessee

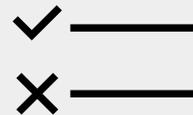
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Jenna Connor, [Email](#)

Certified Special Education Teacher

I am a Special Education administrator with a passion for helping teachers make the IEP writing process easier to understand and implement.

Pop IEP QUIZ



1. Parents Need to Sign the IEP for Changes to Happen

Yes No Maybe

2. Missed Service Minutes Always Get Made Up

Yes No It Depends

3. An IEP Checklist Makes Goal Planning Easy

Yes Of Course I Need One

For Pop Quiz Answers, visit www.masteriepcoach.com/blog/ieproadmapquiz

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Texas

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Licensed Diagnostician and Special Educator; Member of the Texas Educational Diagnosticians Association, the Learning Disabilities of America Association, & the Autism Society of Texas

I am an experienced special educator and licensed diagnostician helping families as a case manager through the ARD/IEP process. I am passionate about bridging the gap between school, home, and clinics to make sure the child has the best access to education possible.

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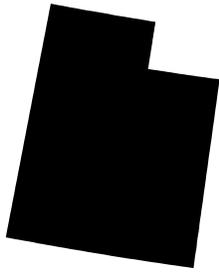
Masters in Educational Leadership, presented professional development sessions throughout various school districts, Certified Special Education Teacher

I am a Special Education teacher with 10 years of experience teaching in special education settings. I have a passion for helping families understand the IEP process and how to prepare for life after an IEP. I also enjoy creating adapted resources for my students and their families so that they can experience success in all environments.

Shae Spears, M.Ed, [Website](#) [Email](#) 281.912.3933

Masters in Special Edu, Bachelor in Elementary Edu, Taught 25 years, presented multiple professional developments and parenting trainings, and experience as a life coach for teenagers and young adults.

I am a Special Education teacher who loves to help parents understand the special education process and programming. I love helping find ways to help students be able to shine and achieve no matter their learning differences. I am personally able to shine and achieve even with my own disabilities.



Utah

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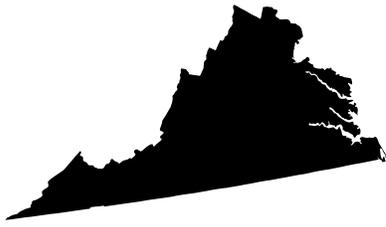
Experience in High Conflict Situations, such as Mediation

I have an amazing son with Autism requiring substantial support. I've been through every IEP hurdle and process. With all this experience, I could bench press a Buick, but I would rather help you have a positive IEP experience, with team collaboration, out of the box strategies, and the IEP cheerleader you never knew you needed.

Jessica Ann Kong, [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#) 850.333.5495

Registered Behavior Technician. Has spoken with Reading Horizons Conference and Arizona Early Childhood Special Education Summit. Featured in international "Love What Matters" and "Miracle Mama" articles.

I am the mother of a child with Autism and I help Special Needs Families, Teachers and Providers find a new start in their Special Education journey.



Virginia

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Quinn Barbieri, [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#)

Certified Special Education & General Education Teacher, Bachelors in Special Education & General Education, Masters in Special Education Leadership, Nominated for Excellence in Teaching in MD, Provided School Wide PDs
I am a former special education teacher that supports families in effectively collaborating with their children's IEP team in order to ensure their children's individual needs are being met.

Jenell Brown, [Website](#) [Instagram](#) [Email](#) 334.559.7467

Nonprofit Founder of William Is Artistic, have attended Wright's Law Training, Collaborative IEP Team Training, and an active participant on district's Special Education Advisory Committee.

I'm a Special Education Consultant who personally knows what it feels like to walk into an IEP Meeting blindly. I serve families who are not quite confident in their yes and no & I empower them to walk boldly into their child's IEP Meeting. I love seeing the outcome of building collaborative relationships between families and the IEP Team.

Prepare for Your Master IEP Coach®

Checklist

Your Master IEP Coach® knows that there are 12 questions that need to be asked for each and every IEP meeting. These are just the beginning...



Is there a clear parent input statement?

The "parent concerns" section is KEY to leading the IEP team to pick IEP goals that make sense for a child's future. This section should be filled with VISION of the child's future



Do we need any further data to make great decisions?

IEP decisions are only as good as the data they are based on. If something isn't feeling right at the IEP table, ask about data!



Do you know the full continuum of Placements?

Yes, placement should be the LAST formal decision at the IEP table, but you can't make this decision without knowing EVERYTHING available to the student. This takes prep before the meeting.



Do you know how current service minutes are met?

Does the child have resource minutes? OT? Speech? Are the minutes met in small/large group? 1:1? In what classroom?

Get the Full List!

There are 8 more important IEP Questions that every parent and teacher MUST ask.

Grab the full IEP Checklist at www.iepchecklist.com.

Know the Purpose!

Every IEP goal should be helping a child prepare for further education, employment, and independent living! We didn't make this up. It's in IDEA law, and although we are not lawyers and we don't give legal advice, we do know all about IDEA law.

Be Prepared!

Remember, an IEP meeting is not a place for surprises. It's a place to brainstorm and build together!

Included in the IEP Checklist above is a tool to help you prioritize these decisions and create a manageable plan of action.

Frequently Asked Questions



Can my Master IEP Coach® provide me with legal advice?

No. We are not lawyers, nor are the Master IEP Coaches® specifically trained to advise clients in legal matters. All decisions are your own. We believe in a collaborative approach with research-based methods. We do not get involved in giving any advice in situations such as mediation or due process.



Do the Coaches work for Master IEP Coach® or Catherine Witcher, LLC?

No. Each Master IEP Coach® completed the Master IEP Coach® Mentorship which helped to prepare them to independently work with clients. Catherine Witcher, LLC and Master IEP Coach® are not responsible for the actions, policies, or agreements of that Coach.



My state isn't listed above. Is there no one to help me?

Master IEP Coaches® work worldwide! You do NOT need someone in your state, however, we understand sometimes it's nice to have help close to home. You are welcome to contact any of the Master IEP Coaches® listed in this guide.



What is the standard fee for hiring a Master IEP Coach®?

Since each Master IEP Coach® is an independent contractor, there is no standard charges or fees. Each Master IEP Coach® sets their own rates based on a number of factors including their education, expertise, and services. For this reason, we encourage you to reach out to multiple Master IEP Coaches® to determine the right fit for you both financially and holistically.



Who is Catherine Witcher and what is the Master IEP Coach Mentorship?

Catherine Witcher, M.Ed is the founder of the Master IEP Coach® Mentorship + Network. You can visit www.masteriepcoach.com to learn more

Tools & Resources

Master IEP Coach® has a wide variety of Tools and Resources available to assist you and your family create better Special Education solutions. From printable tools to a weekly podcast, the Master IEP Coach® Team is here to serve you and support you, because no one should have to do this alone!

IEP QUESTIONS YOU MUST ASK

These questions need to be asked for each and every IEP meeting. Whether you ask before, during or after the meeting... JUST ASK!

DO YOU KNOW THE FULL CONTINUUM OF PLACEMENTS?



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IEP Checklist

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Let's Connect!

Hi, I'm Catherine Whitcher, M.Ed

I'm the founder of the Master IEP Coach® Mentorship + Network and I'm completely obsessed with digging into special education solutions with parents, teachers, and IEP teams every day.

I grew up as a special needs sibling, my brother has Down syndrome. I see the IEP table from the perspective of the family.

I became a special education teacher, determined to change the world from the inside of my classroom. I see the IEP table from the perspective of the school team.

For 25+ years I've been working for both parents and teachers, helping EVERYONE work together to create IEPs with less stress and more results.

Creating the Master IEP Coach® Mentorship + Network for parents, teachers, and teams to have access to REAL WORLD IEP strategies that work is a dream come true.

If you need help finding the right Master IEP Coach® resource for your family or your school, please reach out to me and I'll help you get connected!



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Let's work *Together!*



Ready to Connect with a Master IEP Coach®?

One of these Master IEP Coaches® is ready to be the perfect fit for you and your family! Reach out today to get started on your journey to better Special Education solutions!

Interested in becoming a Master IEP Coach®?

The Master IEP Coach® Mentorship will give you experience in becoming the Master IEP Coach® your community needs. As a Master IEP Coach®, you have the opportunity to create more financial stability for yourself while helping others in the Special Education community. Whether your motivation is sparked by helping families, schools or both... the Master IEP Coach® Mentorship is for you! Visit masteriepcoach.com to join today!

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