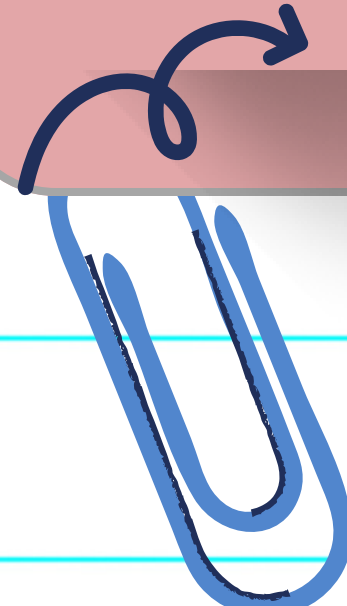
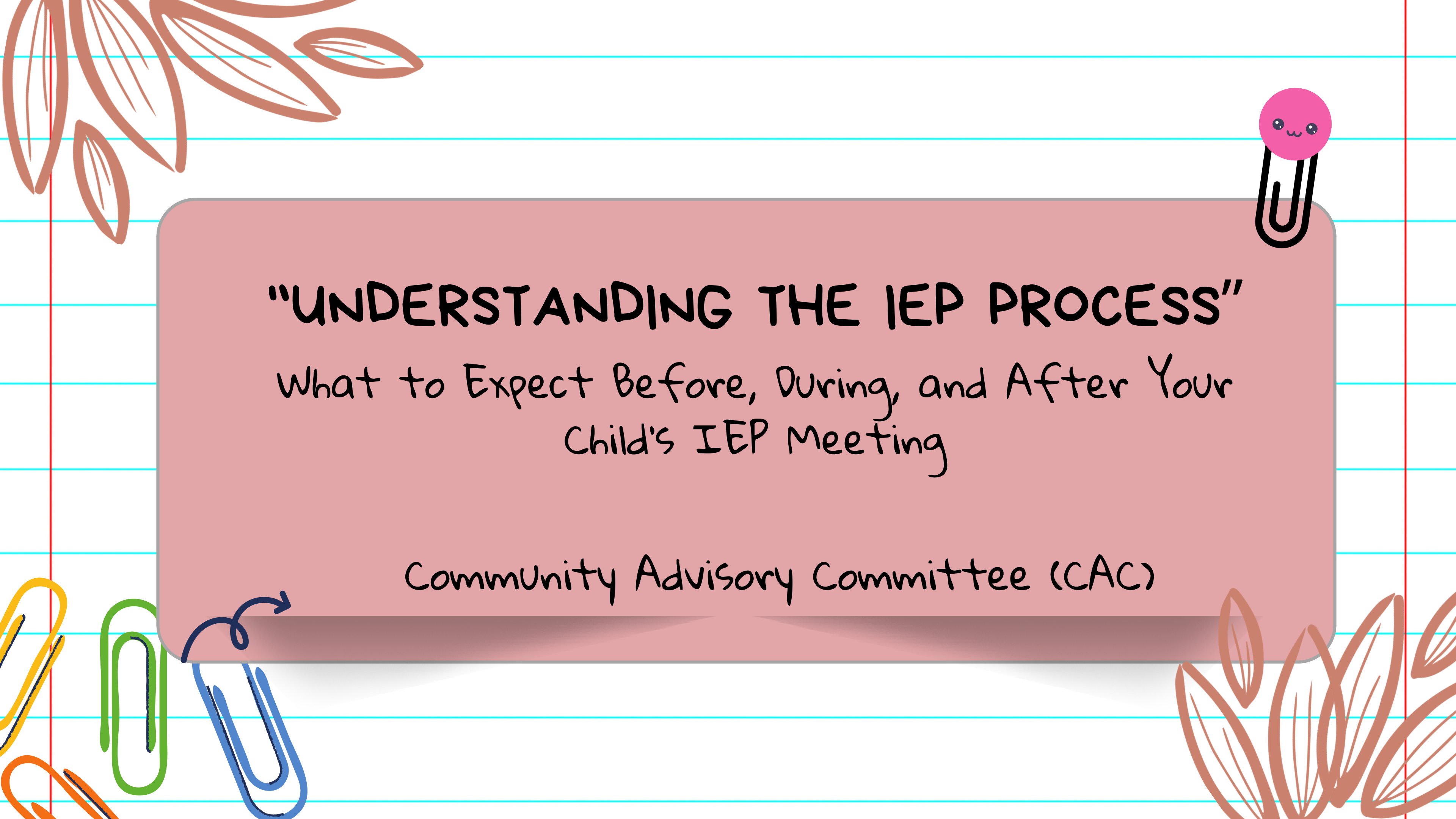


"UNDERSTANDING THE IEP PROCESS"

What to Expect Before, During, and After Your
Child's IEP Meeting



Community Advisory Committee (CAC)



What is an IEP?

- IEP = Individualized Education Program
- A written plan that supports your child's learning
- Created for students who qualify for special education services
- Customized for your child's unique strengths and needs

> YOU ARE A KEY PART OF THE IEP TEAM! <



Before the IEP

Gather & Review Data

Request and Review All
current Reports, Accesments
and Evaluations

Review your child's progress
and past IEP (if any)

Prepare

"All About Me"

Create your own Report of
your child

- Likes and dislikes
- Strengths and Weaknesses
- Your goals for your child
- Your proposed accommodations, services and support

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT...

What's working?

What's not working?

What goals do you and your family
have for your child?

Would you be more comfortable
if you bring someone with you?
(friend, advocate, etc.)

What Happens During the IEP Meeting?

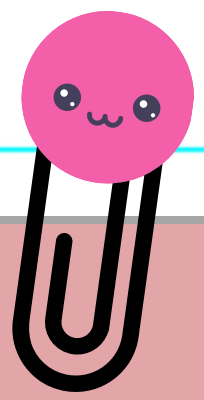
- Team reviews your child's strengths and challenges
- Discuss how your child is doing in school
- Set goals for your child's learning and development
- Decide on supports and services
- Talk about how progress will be measured



> YOU CAN ASK QUESTIONS ANYTIME—YOUR INPUT MATTERS!



What's in an IEP? (Key Parts)



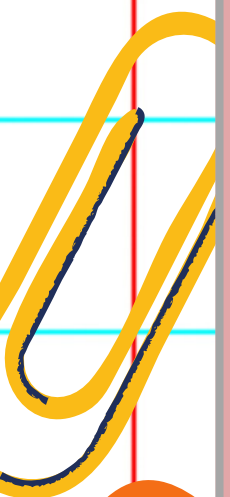
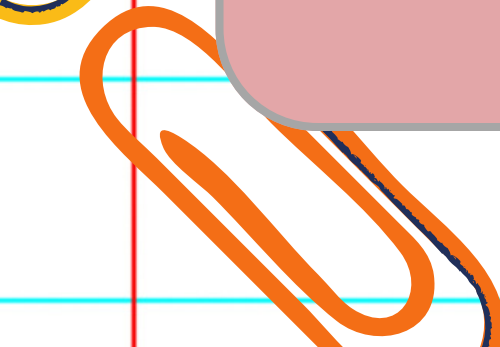
Present levels: How your child is doing now

Goals: What your child will work on this year

Services: Extra help, therapy, or supports

Accommodations: Changes to help your child learn (e.g., extra time on tests)

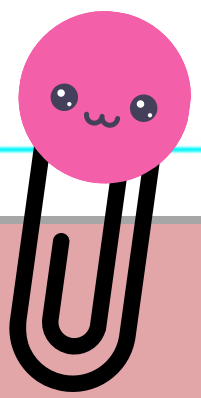
Placement: Where your child will receive services

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- You'll get a copy of the IEP
 - Services and supports begin
 - Teachers and staff will follow the plan
 - You'll get updates on progress during the year
 - You can ask for a meeting anytime if you have concerns

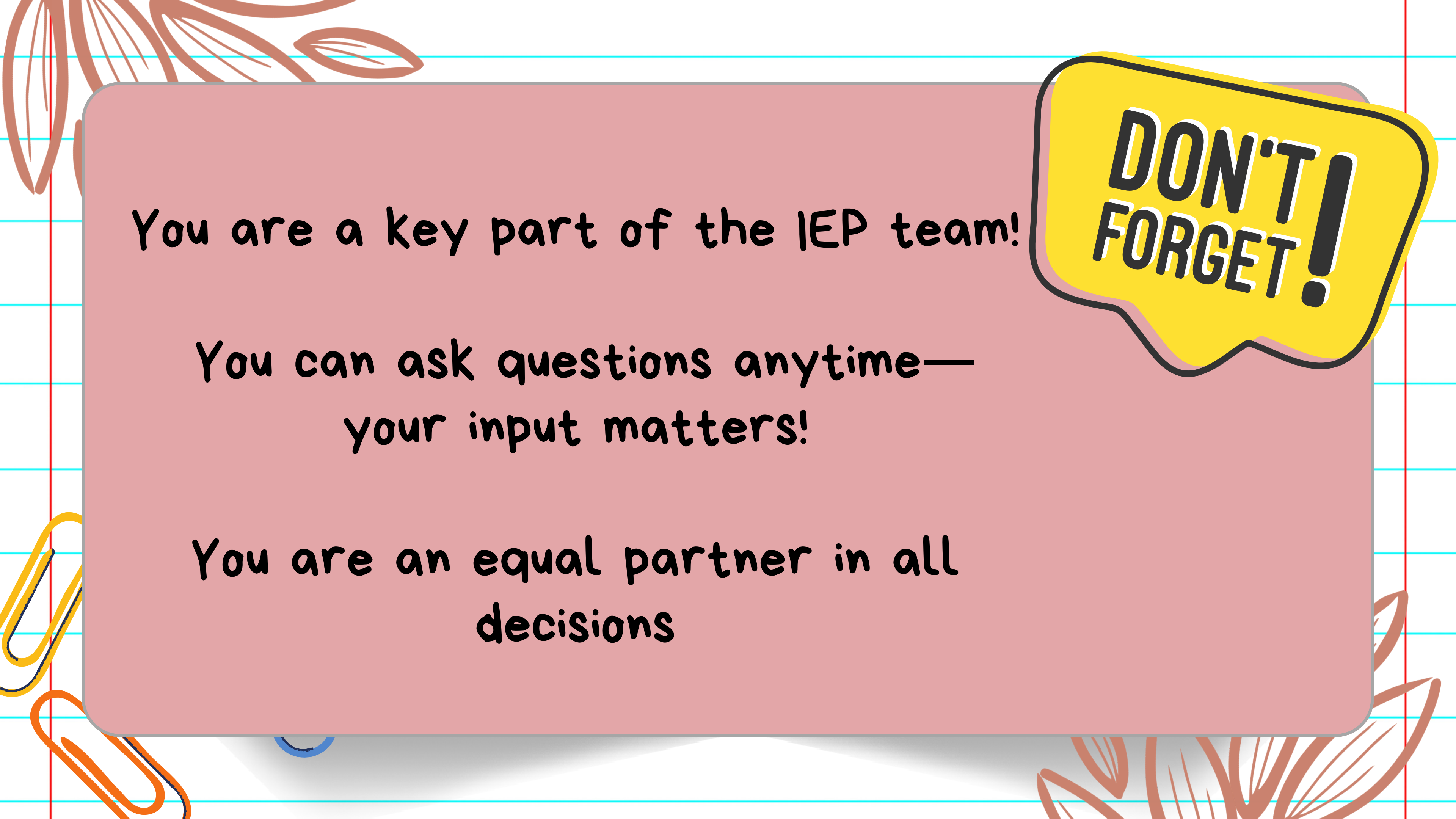
After the IEP Meeting

You do not have to sign right away.
Take home and Review

Your Rights as a Parent



- You must give written consent before services begin
- You have the right to:
- Ask questions and get answers
- Request changes
- Disagree with the team
- Get a copy of your rights (Procedural Safeguards)



You are a key part of the IEP team!

**DON'T
FORGET!**

You can ask questions anytime—
your input matters!

You are an equal partner in all
decisions



THANK YOU