



## Individualized Education Plans (IEP) & Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSP) Information Sheet

Because of the diverse set of needs of the children in our program, it is important to gather as much information about the best ways to educate each child. IEP's and IFSP's are created by service providers working with children with special needs and include this information. The Keystone STARS Performance Standards therefore require each early learning provider to request copies of IEPs and IFSPs for the children in their care. Because of the importance of the IEP/IFSP to a child's learning, the program should have a copy before the child begins to attend, if possible.

The information found on an IEP/IFSP is protected by privacy laws including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Releases of information may also be required to speak to members of a child's treatment team. Professional development regarding privacy issues, and HIPAA in particular, is highly recommended.

Your child's growth and development is measured with developmental assessments. If your child currently has an IEP/IFSP, it would be beneficial to share a copy of this plan with us so we can work together to ensure that the guidelines are put into practice. You do not have to provide this information if you do not wish to do so.

I am providing a copy of my child's IEP or IFSP.

I am not providing a copy of my child's IEP or IFSP

This is not applicable to my child.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_