

## **ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY-SPECIAL EDUCATION**

- **My child needs assistive technology and receives special education services at school. Can I get the AT through the IEP process?**
  - Yes! The IDEA requires schools to ensure that assistive technology devices and services are available to students with disabilities.
  - If the AT device is necessary for the student to receive a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) then the school must purchase the AT and pay for necessary maintenance.
  
- **What if I suspect my child could benefit from AT but I don't know what type?**
  - You can ask for an evaluation. Once you make this request, the school has 60 days to complete it.
  - You will receive a prior written notice explaining the school's decision to conduct the evaluation or, if the request is denied, why the school denied the evaluation.
  - A failure to evaluate a student for AT may amount to a failure to provide FAPE.
  - If you disagree with the results of the evaluation, you can ask for an independent educational evaluation or file a due process complaint.
  
- **What if my child already has AT at school but I think they need something different?**
  - Changes to AT devices or services must be made through the IEP process.
  
- **What if I disagree with the IEP team's decision about my child's AT device or services?**
  - The typical dispute resolution options available under the IDEA apply. This can include mediation, state complaints, or due process complaints.