

1. When you hear the words special education, what do you think of?

2. What is your “job” as a parent of a child in special education?

- What are the expectations...
 - in the classroom?
 - at an IEP meeting?
 - for bringing people who support you to the meeting?
 - setting up meetings
 - participating in documentation/paperwork creation
 - understanding my rights
 - filing a complaint
 - language-based issues (documentation in the home language, signing paperwork)

3. Has there ever been a time when your child’s needs weren’t met in special education?

- *Who would you talk to if that happened?*
- *Do you have a primary contact person in the school?*
- *Where can I find information on special education law?*
- *Who has been supportive of meeting your child’s special education needs?*

4. Where do you go for help when you have general questions about education? Special education? CDS?

- *What should you do to prep before meetings/What are the next steps after meetings?*

5. What is most challenging for you in your child’s special education?

6. What would help you be a part of your child’s special education?

- *Building relationships with the school?*
- *Building relationships with the teachers/staff?*

