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CRACKING THE CODE: THE LANGUAGE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

CPSE Committee of Preschool Special Education – The committee that discusses services for your child. You are part of the committee.

IEP Individual Education Plan- The legal document that includes the services your child was approved for, your child's present levels, your child's strengths and needs and the goals your treatment team will be working on during the school year.

CSE Committee on Special Education- The committee that discusses your child's services when entering the school age system (kindergarten through high school)

LRE Least Restrictive Environment – Educational program that needs to be considered for your child. There is a range of services that can be considered.

R/S Related Services- Therapeutic services that your child may be eligible for.

Pull Out- Services delivered outside your child's classroom.

PI Push In – Services provided within your child's classroom.

OT Occupational Therapy- Service provided to work on your child's fine motor skills, sensory integration skills and self-help skills.

PT Physical Therapy –Service provided to work on gross motor skills.

SEIT Special Education Itinerant Teacher- A service that can provide educational services in a community preschool/daycare or in the home.

FBA Functional Behavior Analysis – A data driven analysis of specific behaviors taken over a period of time. It looks at the antecedent to the behavior, the specific behavior and the consequence of the behavior. This is sometimes called ABC data. Usually conducted for children who are not responsive to general classroom management.

BIP Behavior Intervention Plan- A plan developed with specific behavioral strategies to be used for your child.

STM-Student Team Meetings –Quarterly meeting held by your child’s treatment team to discuss your child’s progress and treatment plan.

GMS Goals Management System – a data system used by your child’s teacher at Alternatives for Children to track progress towards your child’s goals.

PWN Prior Written Notice – Written consent given to parents to sign from the district to implement a service or make a change to your child’s IEP.

AR Annual Review the yearly review of your child’s needs held by the CPSE that may include new standardized testing and a report on your child’s progress and needs. Usually this meeting is held in late winter/early spring.

PMR- Parental Mileage Reimbursement- a monetary reimbursement provided by the county if you have chosen to drive your child to school instead of taking the bussing option.

Creative Curriculum- Curriculum used by Alternatives for Children, which is aligned with the NYS Learning Standards and the Preschool Common Core.