Writing Effective IEPs: QUICK GUIDE

IEP GOAL COMPONENT	REMINDERS
Timeline	Use data from instruction to identify a goal that is obtainable within the year.
	The summary or mastery form is a great tool to find patterns in learning during discrete trial and pivotal response.
Condition	Include supports and strategies that help students make progress currently.
	Don't forget to address barriers to learning. If a student has challenging behavior, consider token reinforcement during the instruction of the goal target.
	Describe the types of prompting needed to be successful. Increase the demand by decreasing prompting.
Behavior	Follow the STAR sequence numbers or online LINKS lesson assessment to see the progression of skills. These skills are prerequisites to state standards and prepare students for future learning.
	STAR and LINKS instructional targets are aligned to standards. Review curriculum alignment documents on the STAR Autism Support website to ensure all curriculum areas are covered.
	Plan for generalization by including skills demonstrated during routines as part of the behavior desired.
Measurement	What is the best way to measure the goal? Are you going to use discrete trial, pivotal response, or functional routine data collection?
	To pre-plan generalization, use routines to show mastery of the overall IEP goal. Break down short term objectives into skills taught during DT/PRT lessons.
	Don't forget to consider fading of the type of prompting given.
Target	Review the objectives of the lessons found in STAR and LINKS for long term targets.
	Consider the type of task being presented. Is the task a routine that requires a 100% accuracy or is 80% mastery sufficient?