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Parent involvement in the IEP process is critical every step of the way. I speak from personal experience in saying that the ability to bring to bear relevant context both from our interaction at home, as well as the involvement of external supports such as our pediatrician and OT, was crucial in shaping my child's IEP. Any changes to a child's IEP should be coordinated with those who know him or her best and work mostly closely with him or her - or risk being misguided and not in the child's best interest.