

Student-led IEPs: the ultimate transition tool!

Montana Youth Transitions (MYT) is a partner to youth with disabilities, families, educators and service providers who are working to create meaningful and successful transition plans. One often-overlooked tool for teaching students with disabilities some life-long transition skills is the **student-led IEP**.

Active participation in one's own IEP does not mean the same thing for every individual and lessons should be tailored to learning and communication needs, comfort level, etc. However, each student can be challenged to take more responsibility and leadership in his/her educational planning.



Students Will Learn:

- ◇ How to verbalize opinions and explain oneself in front of adults
- ◇ Interest in educational goals (improving personal responsibility)
- ◇ Self-confidence
- ◇ Pride in accomplishments and strategies to correct mistakes
- ◇ Working as a team (not as a bystander)

Instructional Components:

- ◆ What an IEP is and why I have one
- ◆ Expressing personal interests, goals for school and dreams for the future
- ◆ Understanding what makes learning successful for me (accommodations)
- ◆ How can I prepare for an IEP
- ◆ Making a One-Pager (reference sheet for educators to learn about me)
- ◆ Skills for facilitating meetings and discussions

To schedule a Student-led IEP class for your students or a professional development training for your staff, contact MYT (information below). The materials are created and ready to use and *Montana Youth Transitions* is ready to demonstrate how easy it can be!

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