

Revoking Consent (Ending Services):

A Parent / Guardian's Guide to Success

Video Transcript

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Host: "Hello, and welcome! Today, we're discussing the important topic of revoking consent for special education services. If you're considering this decision, it's crucial to understand the implications and processes involved. Let's walk through what you need to know."

Host: "Before making this decision, consider whether your child is benefiting from the services. Reflect on their academic, social, and emotional progress. If your child is older, asking for their opinion on their programming can be beneficial in making the right decision as well. It's also wise to discuss your reasons and concerns with your child's IEP team to explore potential adjustments that might address your issues without stopping services."

Host: "Once you withdraw consent, your child will no longer have an IEP, and special education supports will end. As far as specialized services go, your child's programming will be like any other student in the general education program, without the specialized support and accommodations previously provided."

Host: "Without special education services, your child's needs will not be directly addressed through special education programming and may not get direct attention like when they were on the IEP. This could affect their learning environment, access to certain accommodations, and availability of specialized instructional support, which might impact their overall school experience."

Host: "If you decide to reinstate special education services, the process will start anew. The school will likely need to conduct reevaluations to determine your child's current needs and eligibility for special education services. This can take time, so it's important to act promptly if you reconsider."

Host: "While the school might disagree with a parent's decision to revoke services, they must respect the parent's right to make this choice. Schools cannot override a parent's decision to withdraw consent. However, school staff can continue to engage in dialogue and offer information to help parents make informed decisions. Having a meeting to keep communication open can help with making the informed decision and get questions answered."

Host: "Deciding whether to continue or discontinue special education services is a significant and important choice. By staying informed and considering all factors, you contribute to your child's best educational path. Thank you for your dedication and support as a parent or guardian."

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