

SET TARGETS & BE PERSISTENT

- 📍 Meet with teachers or counselors to review goals
- 📍 Coordinate action plan with caregiver and caseworker
- 📍 Do research and homework for ARDs
- 📍 Become a Surrogate Parent

MINIMIZE THE NUMBER OF MOVES

- 📍 Advocate to keep school of origin
- 📍 Help arrange for transportation
- 📍 Ask for postponement, if possible
- 📍 If a move is necessary, be mindful of testing dates

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UNDERSTAND YOUR CHILD'S NEEDS & GOALS

- 🚫 Ask their strengths
- 🚫 Set specific and attainable goals
- 🚫 Give positive feedback
- 🚫 Encourage questions



ADVOCATE FOR EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & GOALS

- 🚫 Monitor progress - ask for examples
- 🚫 Meet with school personnel
- 🚫 Attend ARD and IEP meetings if applicable
- 🚫 Report needs in court reports
- 🚫 Review school records and education portfolio
- 🚫 Request tutoring and help locate services
- 🚫 Avoid labels assigned to the child
- 🚫 Protect child's confidentiality
- 🚫 Discuss social skills and peer relationships
- 🚫 Explore extracurricular activities
- 🚫 Encourage trauma lens in regards to behavior