

## Parenting Rights/Procedural Safeguards



### Parent participation in all decisions

- ★ As a parent, you have the right to approve or veto all recommendations made by CDC staff
- ★ NOTHING can be done (or stopped) without your written consent
- ★ Written consent can be revoked at any time

### Appropriate Evaluation

- ★ Evaluators must be knowledgeable and trained
- ★ A variety of instruments and procedures must be used
- ★ Tests must take into account cultural and racial differences

### Individualized Family Service Plan

- ★ A written statement for your child that is developed, reviewed and revised by the whole IFSP team (which includes the child's parents)

### Parent rights include

- ★ **Written notice:** you will receive written notice of all changes on your child's plan
- ★ **Parent permission:** you must sign permission for all services to be implemented. Parents have the right to revoke consent at any time.
- ★ **Confidentiality:** Your child's records are confidential and can be accessed only by yourself, staff members and state officials
- ★ **Location of services;** All services must be provided in the least restrictive environment (which is usually your home)
- ★ **Conflict Resolution:** There are agencies and safeguards in place to provide you with assistance if you and the CDC cannot agree on the best services for your child.

For further information, please refer to the "Notice of Procedural Safeguards Individuals with Disabilities Education Act" handbook.