

**Principles of Collaborative Problem-
Solving
In the
Development of the IEP**

1. PARENTS PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE IEP:

- Their suggestions and perspectives are considered equally among others.

2. PARTICIPANTS HELP TO EDUCATE EACH OTHER:

- Participants share their interests and concerns. They work together to gather and develop information that they can agree on to help formulate agreements.

3. PARTICIPANTS TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORKING TOGETHER AS PARTNERS:

- Participants are responsible for making the process effective and successful.

4. MULTIPLE OPTIONS ARE DEVELOPED:

- Participants create a range of options that could satisfy their respective concerns and the needs of the child. They feel responsible for the decisions they make. There is “ownership”.

5. IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES ARE IDENTIFIED:

- Participants are clear on how decisions will be implemented

