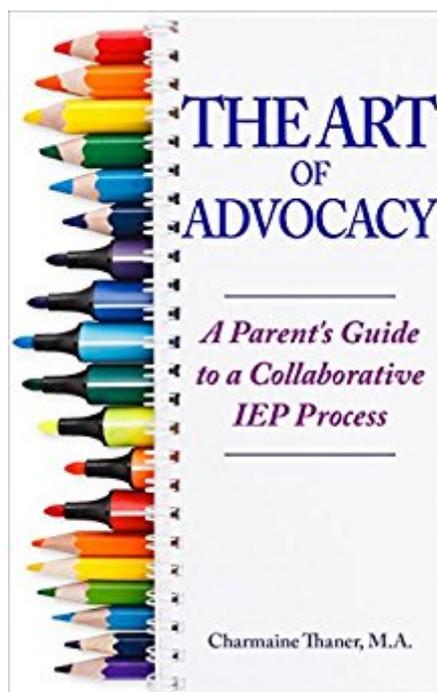


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# The Art Of Advocacy: A Parent's Guide To A Collaborative IEP Process



## Synopsis

Bringing Cookies to IEP Meetings Will Only Get You So Far! You've gone to IEP workshop after IEP workshop, searched for answers at conferences, done late night research on the internet, and yet you still have those guilty feelings that you're not doing a good enough job advocating for your child. It takes more than gathering records, giving factual information or reciting research and the law to be a successful advocate for your child. With clarity, honesty, and insights Charmaine Thaner shares how to be a more effective advocate for your own child. After reading *The Art of Advocacy: A Parent's Guide to a Collaborative IEP Process*, parents will know: \* that certain finesse that is necessary when dealing with disagreements \* how asking the right question will get you the right answer \* the secrets to creative problem solving when the team has hit a roadblock Readers will also receive priceless bonuses: \* a template for writing effective emails \* lists of clarifying and probing questions to ask \* step-by-step ways to creatively solve problems, and much more Charmaine gives examples of actual conversations and real scenarios to help you learn what to do and what not to do at special education meetings. Chapters include: 1) Conflict and Collaborative Advocacy; 2) How to Listen And Ask Questions With Genuine Curiosity; 3) How to Listen With Your Eyes; 4) Know What to Say When; 5) Building Authentic Relationships; 6) How to Use Collaborative Problem Solving; 7) The End is Really The Beginning. Each chapter is written so busy parents can get to the point quickly. When parents combine the art of advocacy with a collaborative way of solving problems there will be: \* a positive difference in the tone of meetings \* parent voices that are heard and understood, and \* happier, safer, and more successful students in schools Read this book, practice what you'll learn, and gain the confidence to become an even more effective advocate for your child! Parents that have worked with Charmaine know her insights and strategies are invaluable when advocating for children with any type of disability. Buy this book today if you want to make positive changes for your child!

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AN AMAZING HANDBOOK FOR PARENTS! Every parent with a special needs child understands the complexity of the IEP process. Sometimes it can be overwhelming and lonely. In this book, Thaner provides simple and important details about how to advocate for your child during an IEP while avoiding overwhelm. She definitely brings a rare level of expertise that is not seen in many other books out there. This book is a steal for this price, so do not hesitate to get your copy TODAY!!

As a school principal who has worked and learned with Charmaine Thaner in a variety of special education situations, I can attest to the effectiveness of the strategies she so skillfully presents in her book. As a parent you<sup>TM</sup>ll find lots of technical knowledge and support for navigating the difficult waters of the special education system. But perhaps more importantly, you<sup>TM</sup>ll find a coach who can help you develop the courage and perseverance that you<sup>TM</sup>ll need to become your child<sup>TM</sup>s first and best advocate. Charmaine<sup>TM</sup>s passion for creating the best possible program for every child shines through every page of this work. I highly recommend this well written and thought out "IEP Bible"!

Charmaine is insightful, professional and practical. This is a great book with lots of ideas to be successful in the IEP process. It is difficult to be a parent of a child with disabilities and to know what to do for them. This book has helped empower me and equip me to do the best for my child. THANK YOU!

This book is THE best of read on this topic to this day! Charmaine clearly knows what it takes to make a difference as an advocate and how to promote that in others! This book is empowering and inspiring!!

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