



Individualized Education Pilot Program

2020-2021 is a time when patient organization support of families is crucial. Providing community support to families at critical milestones of their child's life is something FAST strongly believes in. FAST has created several programs to aid parents with certain challenging milestones that they will encounter with their child with Angelman syndrome (AS).

The Individualized Education Pilot Program offers parents access to an Individualized Education Plan ("IEP") Liaison that will be able to provide them with current and relevant IEP information, initial review, procedural best practices and preliminary support for the development and sustainment of an effective IEP.

When a child turns 3, s/he is able to enter the public school system. This milestone marks the beginning of IEPs. An IEP is the most important educational document for a child with special needs as it outlines the child's needs, goals, and accommodations and identifies how the school system will address each of these.

FAST has hired Virginia Spencer as our community's IEP Liaison. Virginia's goal is to equip parents with the skills to successfully advocate for their child with AS at their initial and subsequent IEP meetings. The IEP Liaison will provide parents with IEP information and helpful guidance for when their child with Angelman syndrome enters the school system for the first time.

If you are a parent of a child that will be entering the school system for the first time and would like IEP guidance, please visit <https://cureangelman.org/for-families>, locate the IEP Program and complete the survey. Virginia will reach out to you to see how she can assist you.



Virginia Spencer, is a Special Education Advocate, ADHD Coach and Principal of Lumen Advocacy LLC, in Austin, Texas. She helps parents secure a free appropriate public education for their children with disabilities. She has advanced advocate training in representing parents in impartial hearings from the Council of Parent Advocates and Attorneys and is a certified National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) presenter.