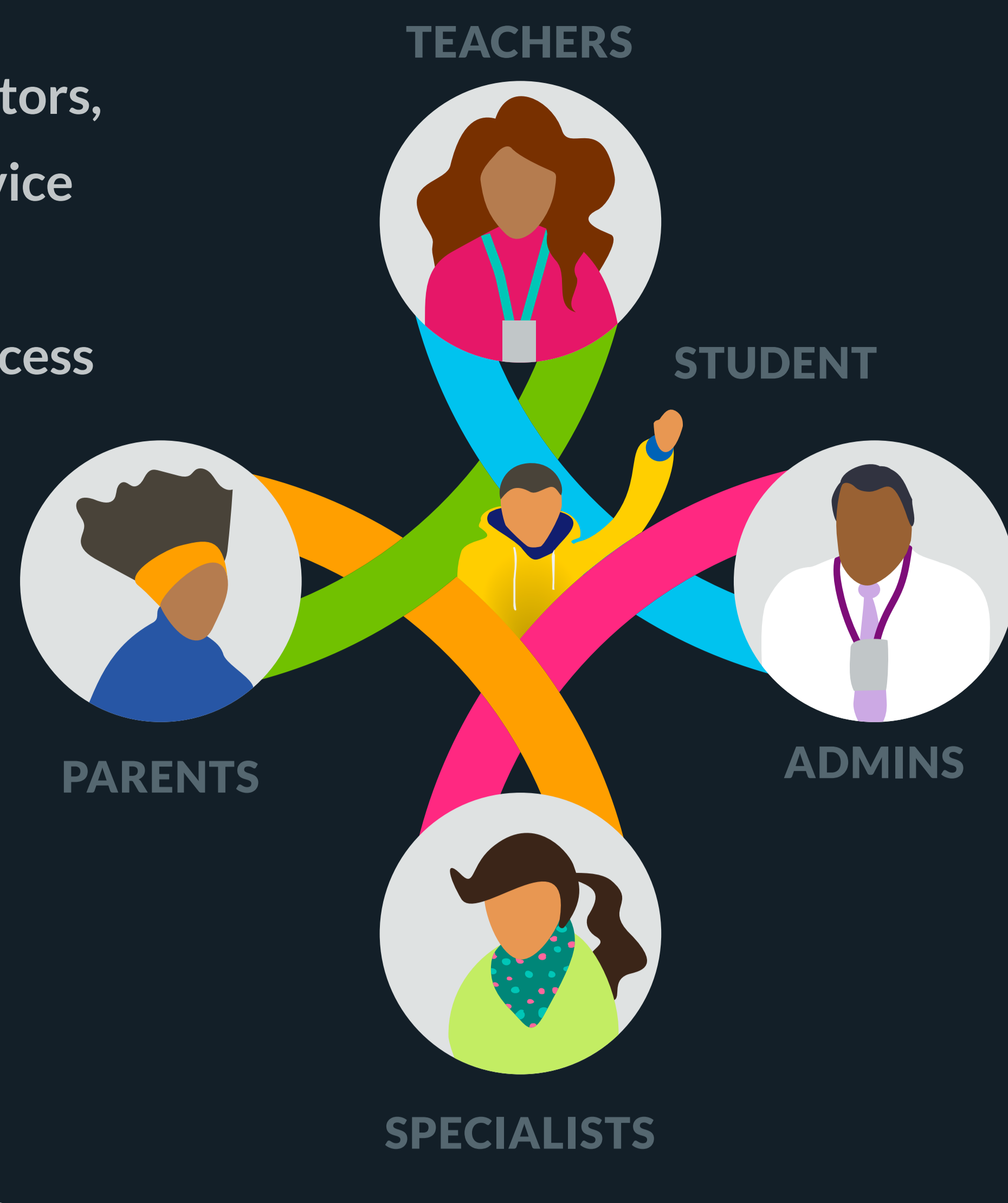


The Four IEP Stages

Tips for success

Collaboration among educators, parents and caregivers, service providers, and the students themselves is key to the success of each stage.



1 plan

Collaborate to assess the student's baseline strengths, weaknesses, and unique needs.



Address the needs of the whole child— instructional, emotional, communication, health, and independent functioning.

Analyze all stakeholder input to create an accurate PLAAFP (Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance).



Identify target skills, accommodations, and modifications needed for student success.



2 write



Specific
Measurable
Achievable
Relevant
Timely
goals

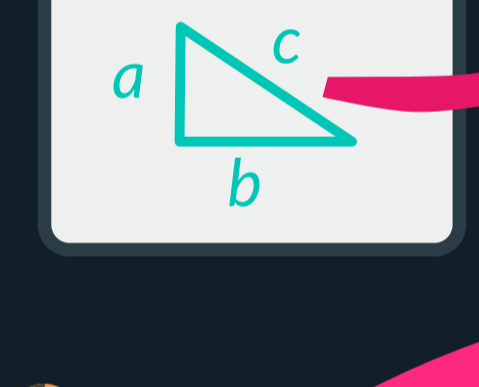
Use present levels to target skills and write individualized goals— every area of need in the PLAAFP must have a corresponding goal.

Collaborate to ensure goals are SMART.

Personalize goals and align them to state standards.

Write in clear language that can be understood by the whole team.

3 execute



Provide all stakeholders with full access to the IEP and maintain a culture of trust.

Deliver planned services and supports, guided by up-to-date student data and IEP timelines.

Progress monitor to implement with fidelity.

Encourage the student to self-advocate and stay involved.



4 report



Analyze data to evaluate the student's progress and make needed adjustments to instruction or goals.

Prepare reports for sharing throughout the IEP process to demonstrate progress.

Use reporting as a foundation for planning the next IEP.



Bring the IEP process full circle by giving everyone a voice at the table, ensuring compliance at every stage, and empowering students to reach for their north star.

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