

# Better IEPs How to Develop Legally Correct and Educationally Useful Programs

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A newly revised and enhanced edition of the ultimate guide to understanding IEPs from a legal standpoint, complete with IDEA 2004 updates. A classic in its field, *Better IEPs* presents a focused, three-step process that zooms in on the individual student and dismisses out of hand the one-size-fits-all approach that is too often mistaken for proper procedure in today's schools. Gives all educators confidence and know-how to develop competent IEPs. Written by Dr. Barbara Bateman, an attorney and professor emeritus and the number one expert on IEP law in the nation, and coauthored by Mary Anne Linden. Dr. Bateman's current professional priorities include evaluating IEPs, assessing program appropriateness for individual students, presenting IDEA to parents and personnel and serving as an expert witness in special education cases. Mary Anne Linden, Ph.D., J.D., has been a special educator (teacher, administrator and teacher trainer) for 16 years. She holds degrees in law, special education, and educational policy and leadership and has been involved in teacher and administrator preparation for the past decade. She also investigates special education complaints for the Oregon Department of Education.

#### Other Books

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Best practices in promoting family engagement. In P. L. Harrison & A. Thomas (Eds.), *Best practices in school psychology : Systems level services* (pp. 439-454). Bethesda, MD; National Association of School Psychologists ."