

Birth/Adoptive Parents retain their rights to make educational decisions unless the court has restricted/terminated those rights.

Are the birth/adoptive parents able and willing to be the IDEA Parent?

If no

If yes

Is there is a foster parent/caregiver able to do so?

The birth/adoptive parent is the IDEA parent.

If no

If yes

Is there is a court appointed Educational Decision Maker?

The foster parent is the IDEA parent.

If no

If yes

The court appointed Educational Decision Maker is the IDEA parent.

Leave blank. The school district should identify a surrogate parent.

Who may NOT be the IDEA Parent?

Individuals who may have a personal or professional conflict of interest **must not** be the IDEA Parent, including:

- DCYF social workers/personnel
- Group home staff
- OSPI or school district employees