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Interview Questions

Script: I'd like to thank you again for being willing to participate in this interview. As I have mentioned to you before, the purpose of my study is to examine parents' perspectives of the Individual Placement and Review Committee process, specifically parents of children who are both deaf/hard of hearing and autistic. Our interview today could last up to an hour, during which I will be asking you about your child, and the first IPRC meeting where the school placement decision was made for your child. Your responses will all be kept anonymous. Your personal information as well as any other identifiable data such as your child's name, the school's name, etc.. will all be changed. I will be recording this interview to help me when reviewing the data afterwards. You may discontinue the interview at any time.

*** Icebreakers/warm up conversation

(Information about child)

1. Tell me about your child.
Please tell me more about their other learning challenges or disabilities?
2. Were any assessments or testing done for your child by school board professionals, such as psychological assessments or speech language assessments?

(Questions regarding before the meeting)

3. Please think back to the first IPRC meeting, was it requested by the school or did you ask the school to call the meeting?
(If they can't recall the details prior to the initial IPRC) What information or details are you able to recall from the time when your child was first being identified by the school and the discussion of placement was occurring?
4. Can you remember what you were expecting, and can you recall if there were any materials or information provided to you by the school prior to the meeting?
At that time were you familiar with the IPRC process?
Did the school provide resources?
What were the most helpful, least helpful?
5. Knowing what you know now, what would have been the most helpful for you?

(Question regarding the meeting)

6. When you went to the meeting, did you bring anything with you such as reports, assessments or other documentation to share with the IPRC committee?
(If yes...) During the meeting, did you have a chance to share your reports?
7. Are you able to remember how the committee members explained the school board's process for deciding what would be the appropriate placement?
8. Did you ask questions or seek clarification for any information that may not have been clear during the meeting?
Could you describe your comfort level in asking questions during the meeting?

9. During the discussions throughout the meeting, did you get a feeling that the members of the IPRC team (any or all of them) were familiar with your child's exceptionalities?

Did you feel that they understood autism and / or hearing?

10. Can you tell me what you remember about where the committee's focus and attention was during the meeting? Specifically, did they give equal focus to both the deaf/hard of hearing exceptionality as they did to the autism exceptionality?

11. Do you feel that your child has one exceptionality which requires more attention or focus in school?

What are your child's areas of strength?

Which one is your child's primary learning challenge?

12. Did you agree with the exceptionality/ies given by the committee?

(If yes to one but not both...) Which one did you agree with, and which did you disagree with and why?

Did you tell the committee that you disagreed?

What was their response?

What was the outcome?

13. Before giving you a specific placement option, do you recall the IPRC team presenting you with other possible placement options?

Did they tell you what was available, or did they just let you know about the one placement they were recommending?

Were you made aware that the school board had other placement options?

14. How did you feel about the services and placement options offered during the meeting?

15. Did you sign the Statement of Decision at the time of the meeting?
(If not...) What stopped you from signing it? Did you end up signing it later?
Do you recall how much time passed until you signed the statement?
16. Before we finish the interview, is there anything else that you would like to share about the IPRC placement process, your participation or the outcome for your child?