Placement Questions for Parents to Consider

- 1. What placement do I prefer as a step toward the vision I have for my child's future?
- 2. What features of a setting will make it appropriate for my child?
- 3. What are all the possible places my child could receive services in the community? As placements are considered, what will be the reasons to eliminate some of them? Am I satisfied all options for placement have been explored?
- 4. Who will decide on the placement for my child? If a placement has been proposed, what other settings were discussed? What type of brainstorming was done in selecting the proposed placement? Why were the other placements dismissed?
- 5. What does meaningful progress mean to me?
- 6. Make a list of the child's needs as parents assess them. Prioritize this list. How can each need be met in each possible placement?
- 7. Would it benefit my child to be at the top of the class, or does it matter to either my child or myself?
- 8. How much time will my child spend with children with disabilities? Why is this necessary? How will this time help my child to be more normal?
- 9. Does the proposed placement "fit" right? Does it feel good to me?
- 10. If a particular setting is not ideal, what needs to be done to make it work better for my child and family?