GETTING HELP FLOW CHART: Speech and Language Treatment in Schools

Are you concerned about your child’s speech or language skills? Use this chart to start finding treatment for your child through the school system.

KEY TERMS:

**SLP:** speech-language pathologist.

**Section 504 plan:**
A written plan that documents how the school will provide supports and remove barriers for a student with a disability, so the student has equal access to the general education curriculum. It does not provide for individualized instruction, as a 504 is not part of special education.

**IFSP:**
An Individualized Family Service Plan is a plan for early intervention services for a child under age 3. It documents the services that a child will receive and the goals of these services.

**IEP:**
An Individualized Education Program is a written plan for children ages 3–21 that provides individualized special education to meet the unique needs of the child. It is a part of federal special education law and has strict requirements.