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# YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION: ADVOCACY IS KEY!

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# Agenda



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# About your speaker....

Native Floridian

Special & General Ed Teacher

Mother & lay advocate

Nature, Dogs, Learning, Research

Volunteer Puppy Raiser

Professional Advocate

Recent transplant to Kentucky

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# History of Advocacy

○ 1963

Parents join forces at national conference in Chicago and form the Association for Children with Learning Disabilities

○ 1975

Specified learning disabilities were recognized and added as a new disability category.

○ 2001

This act reauthorized and amended federal education programs established under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965

○ 2004

designed to address the assistive technology needs of individuals with disabilities

○ 1997

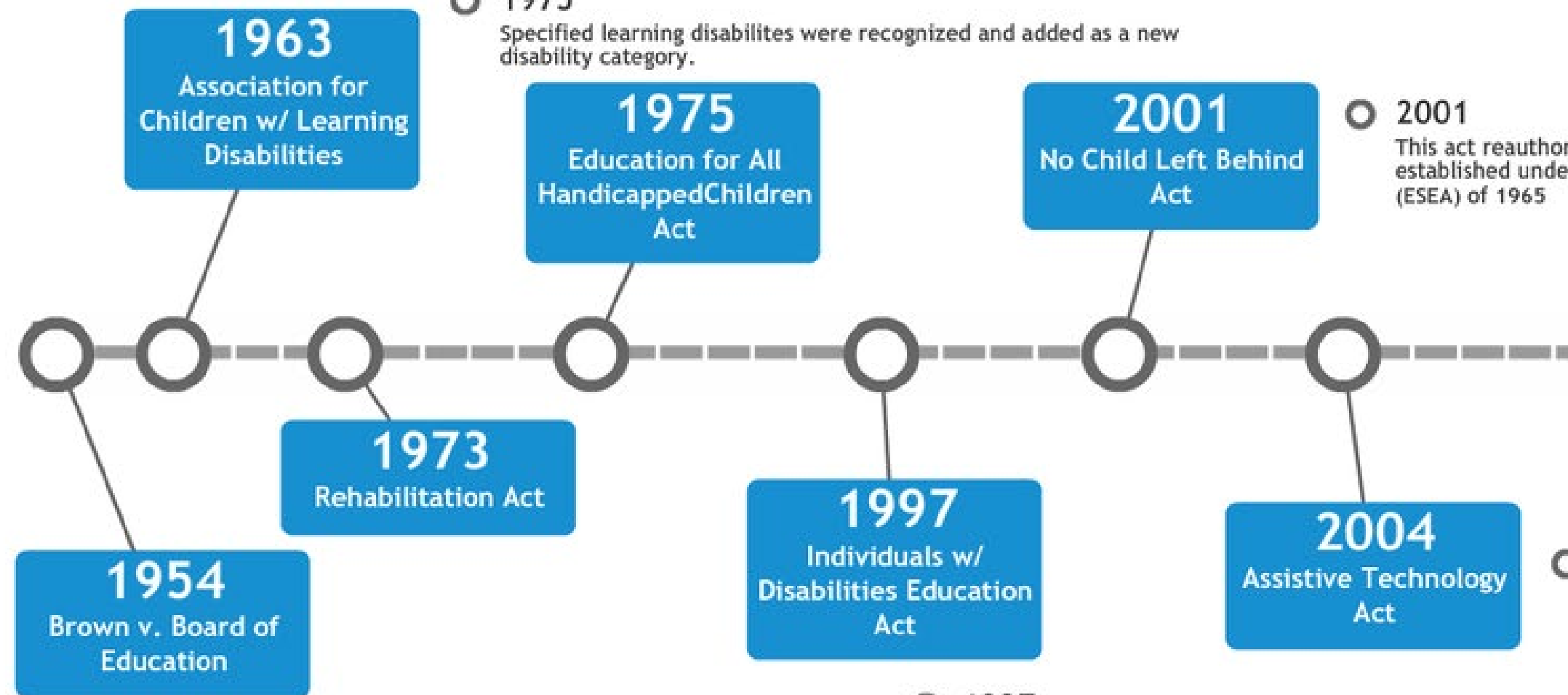
Parents right to be involved in decision making

○ 1973

Prohibits discrimination against any disability program formed by Federal agencies.

○ 1954

Segregation ends.





# Special Education Basics



Why was  
IDEA  
needed?



Who benefits  
from IDEA?



What rights  
are outlined  
within IDEA?

# 504 Plan or IEP?

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# Advocate's Tools & Strategies



Begin with the End in Mind



Know the Rules & Your Rights



Assemble Your Support Team



Plan, Prepare & Practice



Document Like a Detective

# Next Steps



Develop  
an  
Action Plan



Ask  
the  
Advocate



# Thank You

for allowing me to join you  
on this part of your journey.

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