This Resource Parent Handbook is meant to be a living document, based upon your needs as a concerned parent. We suggest you print out the first section, and add your personal notes in a three-ring binder. That way, all of your records will be in one place. Should your child require assessment, you can then add the section on Assessment and Initial IEPs.

If you have not already done so, it is always a good idea to create a paper record of everything that occurs around your concerns for your child. Start with copies of emails sent to school staff stating your concerns, and emails to document the verbal discussions that follow. All requests also need to be made in writing. Put copies of all of these documents into a binder in chronological order. It is also good practice to include report cards and samples of your child's home- and classwork.

And, again, remember you don’t have to go it alone! Make sure to network with other parents and to investigate the many excellent parent support groups available in the community. If you would like additional information or training opportunities, visit the RPC website (www.) frequently to find out what is available in your area.