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This week, we answer questions about Present Levels of Functional Performance and Functional IEP goals from parents and educators, questions like these:

 What does the word “functional” mean?

 What are examples of functional skills?

 How do you measure functional skills?

 How can I resolve a dispute about present levels in my child’s IEP?

 Must all IEPs have a functional performance statement or functional annual goals?

What does it take for an IEP to be "Individualized"?

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