

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

SCHOOL SETTING

PURPOSE: To determine if a student has an educational disability and requires educational services

REFERRAL SOURCE: Typically a parent, legal guardian, or teacher

ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION: Criteria established by the Federal and Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Regulations

EVALUATORS: Conducted by an evaluation team (parents and a group of qualified professionals) often including a licensed speech-language pathologist

ASSESSMENT FOCUS:

- Educational impact – student's ability to access and make progress in the curriculum
- Identify educational strengths and needs
- Emphasis on functional skills for educational success
- Determine if student requires specially designed instruction

MEDICAL/PRIVATE SETTING

PURPOSE: To provide medical treatment/intervention

REFERRAL SOURCE: Typically a doctor or nurse practitioner

ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION: Criteria established by a medical diagnosis/condition

EVALUATORS: Conducted by a licensed speech-language pathologist and team members as necessary

ASSESSMENT FOCUS:

- Medical diagnosis
- Identify areas of strengths and needs
- Guide goals for treatment plan
- Determine need for services