**Adulting Shorts: The Tea on IEPs Part 4**

Comic story board. Comic focuses on two people:

* Mateo, A 16-year-old high school student, Latino male
* Ms. Simmons, teacher, Black woman, middle-aged

**Panel 1**

Close up of Mateo and Ms. Simmons sitting at the table with the IEP forms in front of Mateo.

**Ms. Simmons (looking encouraging):** Alright Mateo, how are you feeling about leading your IEP meeting at the end of the week?

**Mateo (looking nervous):** I’m excited, but also a little nervous. I’m having a hard time preparing my presentation.

**Ms. Simmons:** It’s OK to be nervous, but we can practice and I can help.

**Mateo**: OK, that sounds good. I was thinking I’ll present a PowerPoint about my goals and strengths that we talked about

**Panel 2**

Close up of the IEP form along with Mateo and Ms. Simmons heads.

**Ms. Simmons (looking reassuring):** I’ll be there, as well as a few of your teachers and your guidance counselor. Did you invite anyone else?

**Mateo:** Yeah, my mom. I also invited my coach from the community center. Is that OK?

**Panel 3**

Mateo and Ms. Simmons sitting at the desk with Mateo’s laptop.

**Ms. Simmons:** Yes, that is great Mateo. You mentioned that you wanted to make a PowerPoint presentation. Have you started working on that?

**Mateo:** Yes, I used the notes and other worksheets we’ve filled out to help me.

**Ms. Simmons:** Perfect, let’s practice your presentation together so we can be prepared.

**Panel 4**

Mateo standing in front of a presentation screen and a closeup of the screen showing Mateo’s IEP form.

**Mateo:** Hi everyone, thanks for coming. First, we will look at my goals to help me learn computer programming and become a video game designer.

**Mateo (continuing):** Over the course of this year, Ms. Simmons and I have made plans to achieve this, including taking programming classes.

**Panel 5**

Ms. Simmons and Mateo’s heads along with a game console remote control.

**Ms. Simmons:** By using the IEP that Mateo developed, he will be on track to graduate next year. And go in to do amazing things.

**Panel 6**

View of Mateo only.

**Mateo:** Thanks Ms. Simmons, I learned a lot about myself while doing this. Does anyone else have any comments or suggestions?

**Mateo’s Coach (unnamed and not in view):** You’re gonna create some awesome games. I can’t wait to see them for sale. Great job, bro!

**Mateo:** Thanks coach, and everyone for being here today. It really means a lot to me. I never thought I’d be able to do any of this before!

Man, I am glad that’s over.