To build trust you phrase it.

it's not what you phrase it.

it's HOW you phrase it.

Positive Phrases

OPSA

Can you show me where you got that information?
Can you show me what you're talking about?
Can you show me how you came to that decision?
I need more information so we can make an educated decision together.
Will you please show me the policy?
Would you consider (your solution here)?
What do you know about (XYZ)?
(If student can't handle XYZ), what is the skill deficit?
Let's look at this and come up with a different solution together.
It sounds like (restate what you heard). Did I understand that correctly?
ABC happened. It's incorrect (IEP not implemented correctly, service minutes missed). Can we do (XYZ) to course correct?

HELPFUL HINTS

- You don't have to know everything!
- You do need to know when & what questions to ask!
- You can't get to a yes if you don't know why they're saying no! Ask them to write down why they're saying no to open a door to a yes.
- Stay positively persistent!