

Worksheet

Presenting Strength-Based Information to Parents and Caregivers

The way information is presented influences perceptions among parents and the child's other team members. Consider the following examples between strength-based and disability-based descriptions of developmental variations. Add your own examples to the list at the bottom.

Observable Behavior	Strength-Based Approach	Disability Focus
Child is memorizing books	Exceptional visual memory	Hyperfocus on topics
Child is memorizing songs	Exceptional auditory memory	"Stimming"
Child is attached to certain toys/themes	Showing passion for things at an early age	Narrow/restricted range of interests
Child controls everything	Trying to feel less stress	Problematic behaviors
Child is narrating a story	Trying to communicate	Scripting