

DYNAMIC TOOLS TO FOSTER INTERPROFESSIONAL PRACTICE WITH CHILDREN: EI ~ Pre-K ~ K 12

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LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Discuss the positive outcomes of interprofessional education and practice (IPE/IPP).
2. Appraise your teams' collaboration on 6 team process areas.
3. Define 6 key stages of effective collaboration and strategies for implementing each stage.
4. Use dynamic tools to strengthen interprofessional communication and collaboration.

AGENDA

Introductions

IPE and IPP

Benefits and Outcomes

Forming Partnerships with Our Colleagues

Appraising Your Team's Collaboration

Structured Framework and Tools for IPE / IPP Collaboration

Summary / Q & A

FORMAT

Focus on your own program while learning about IPE / IPP and several dynamic user-friendly tools and processes.

Questions, comments, recommendations welcome

Develop an **IPE / IPP Collaborative Action Plan** for *your* program

WHAT ARE YOUR OBJECTIVES?



2 topics you'd like to be sure we discuss today

1.

2.

INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION & PRACTICE IPE / IPP

ASHA's STRATEGIC PATHWAY TO EXCELLENCE

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES DESIGNED TO DRAMMATICALLY CHANGE:

- ✓ The way we practice
- ✓ How we are paid for our services
- ✓ The way others perceive and value the services we provide
- ✓ The science underlying service delivery
- ✓ What our membership looks like
- ✓ Our partners for addressing communication and related disorders here and around the world

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COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF OTHER PROFESSIONS

Common vision and core set of values for how two or more professionals collaborate in order to:

- Learn together
- Coalesce their expertise
- Solve clinical issues
- Provide comprehensive treatment

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EVERYONE TALKING ABOUT IPE & IPP

Universities



Health Care Settings

Educational Settings



Professional Organizations

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INTERPROFESSIONAL PROFESSIONALISM COLLABORATIVE

- 11 health professions represented
- Interprofessional Professionalism Assessment (IPA)
- Tool Kit of educational resources in development
- These two resources foster the evaluation and development of interprofessional professionalism behaviors in education and practice settings

Website: <http://www.interprofessionalprofessionalism.org/index.html>

WHAT IS IPP?

“Consistent demonstration of core values evidenced by professionals working together, aspiring to and wisely applying principles of, **altruism and caring, excellence, ethics, respect, communication, accountability** to achieve optimal health and wellness in individuals and communities.”*

This definition is based in part on the work of *Stern DT. *Measuring Medical Professionalism*. Oxford University Press. New York, NY;2006:19.

ASHA STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE #2

Advance Interprofessional Education and Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (IPE/IPP)

Initiative Themes

1. Educate stakeholders about IPE/IPP and its value
2. Foster connections with other organizations
3. Promote IPE/IPP as an area of research
4. Incorporate IPE/IPP competencies in standards for certification, accreditation, licensure; code of ethics, and scope of practice

ASHA RESOURCES ON IPE / IPP

- [ASHA's IPE/IPP Activities and Collaborations](#)
- [IPE/IPP eBook](#) [PDF]
- [IPE/IPP Overview \(Webinar\)](#)
- [IPE/IPP Events](#)
- [IPE/IPP Resources](#)
- [IPEC Core Competencies](#) [PDF]
- [The Value of Collaborating brochure](#) [PDF]
- [IPE/IPP Quiz](#) [PDF]

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3 PRINCIPLES OF IPE / IPP

Principle #1

Not a replacement for rigorous education specific to each health care or education profession.

Principle #2

Represents one solution—not all solutions.

Principle #3

Experiential and team-based learning are the hallmarks of IPE/IPP

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WHAT'S IN A NAME? WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Multidisciplinary

Transdisciplinary

Cross Training

Interdisciplinary

Care Coordination

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IPE LEARN ABOUT, FROM, AND WITH OTHER PROFESSIONALS



Share some experiences when you learned **about**, **from**, and **with** other professionals. What were the **benefits**?



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COLLABORATION IS ESSENTIAL!!

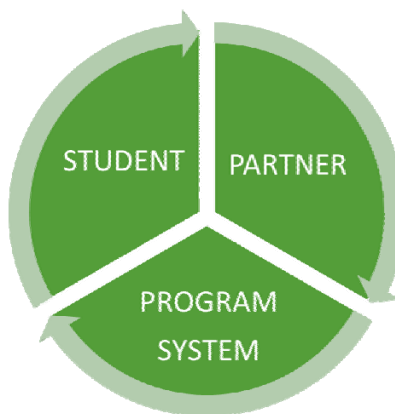
Partnering with our education partners is a great way to have fun at work while expanding our own horizons AND ensuring students' achieve their highest potential!

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COLLABORATION AND OUTCOMES A UNIQUE 3 PRONGED FRAMEWORK



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STUDENT OUTCOMES

Improved **functional communication** in low and high demand communication situations

Improved **educational performance** including academic performance and participation in school activities as a result of improved communication

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COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP OUTCOMES

Improved **relationships** with education partners and families

Increased **understanding** by education partners and families of impairments and the impact on academic and social performance

Increased **team coordination and competency** to provide assistance and support by implementing recommended **accommodations and modifications** that will result in improved interactions

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PROGRAM & SYSTEM OUTCOMES

Changes and improvements within the speech-language program and/or the education organization and system that result in **greater efficiency, effectiveness, and services** for students with communication disabilities

Improved school climate and culture to promote positive attitudes and conditions that support students

SERVICE DELIVERY OUTCOME A COLLABORATIVE INTERVENTION MODEL

Creating effective interprofessional collaborative partnerships represents a philosophical approach to service delivery that ensures the provider (SLP), family members, educators, and other professionals work as a team to develop plans and strategies for helping kids.

Join forces to learn about each others' capabilities, roles, responsibilities, contributions.

Education - Prevention - Treatment - Support

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STAGE	INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND PRACTICE
1	Establish a foundation. Talk about roles and responsibilities.
2	Build team understanding of impact of disabilities on learning.
3	Jointly identify classroom communication demands and expectations, including the teachers' instructional methods.
4	Explain intervention/instruction goals & support needed.
5	Identify modifications and accommodations to facilitate classroom performance.
6	Mentor to gain consistent application and independence.

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ARE YOU FEELING OVERWHELMED?



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PREPARE TO INFLUENCE



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FACILITATE DISCUSSIONS REINFORCE TEAM DECISIONS



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USE TIME WISELY 5 DYNAMIC TOOLS TO FOSTER COLLABORATION!



1. Appraise Team Collaboration
2. Teacher Chat
3. Class Observation
4. Recommended Strategies
5. Communicate to Educate

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#1 APPRAISE YOUR TEAM'S COLLABORATION



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QUALITY OF TEAM COLLABORATION



Reflect Upon 2 of Your Most Memorable
Collaborative Experiences

Most **Effective**

Outcome

Critical Components

Lessons Learned

Most **Challenging**

Outcome

Critical Components

Lessons Learned

1

COLLABORATING WITH YOUR EDUCATION COLLEAGUES



Share some challenges or barriers you have experienced in your attempts to collaborate with other professionals.

CHALLENGES: WHAT WE HEAR FROM SLPs

- Lack of engagement
- Confusion about priorities
- Overlapping roles
- Resistance to incorporating specific recommendations
- Limited pre-service or professional training
- Lack of time
- Funding restrictions

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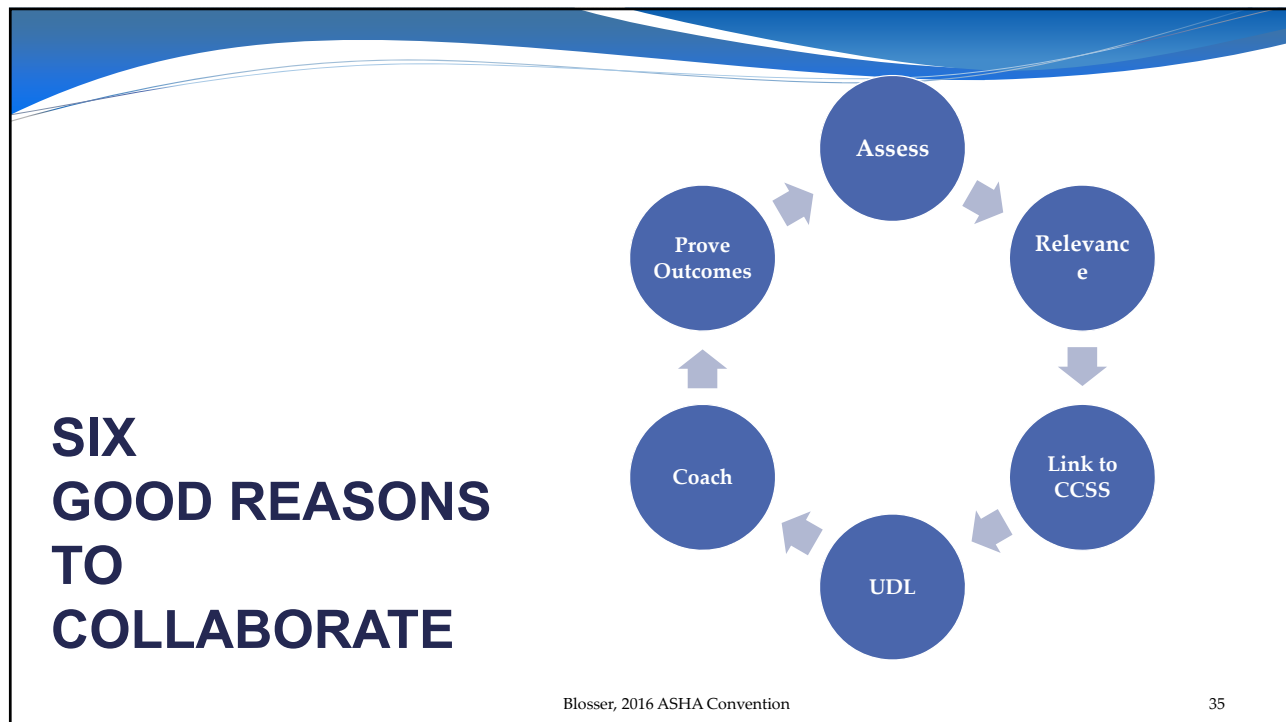
CHALLENGES: WHAT OUR EDUCATION PARTNERS SAY

- Not my expertise
- Too many kids in my classroom
- Too much to do
- My priority is teaching
- Literacy and learning objectives come before anything else
- What about all of the other kids in my classroom

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REFLECTIONS: YOUR TEAMING EXPERIENCES

- Are you satisfied with your teams' collaboration?
- Do some teams seem to work better than others?
- Do team members work together or in silos?
- Does each team member make meaningful contributions?
- Have you tried to make improvements?

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LIST 2 OF YOUR CURRENT COLLABORATION PARTNERS



RATE THE QUALITY

1 = Above average

2 = Average

3 = Below average

1. _____

2. _____

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HOW'S IT GOING?

- ✓ Evaluating collaborative teams is challenging
- ✓ Different dynamics are operating when compared to evaluating individuals or programs
- ✓ Team evaluations must include honest input from each team member about collaboration
- ✓ Implement simple efforts to engage team members in the evaluation process

FOSTER COLLABORATION:

LEARN ABOUT – FROM –WITH YOUR EDUCATION PARTNERS!



APPRAISE YOUR TEAM'S COLLABORATION

Team members independently indicate level of agreement in 6 areas critical to successful interprofessional collaboration.

1. Team membership
2. Student/client/patient goals
3. Information and data
4. Team process
5. Team communication
6. Results



APPRAISAL PROCESS

- ✓ Openly discuss findings and impressions
- ✓ Use the data to develop recommendations and action plans to improve team efficiency and effectiveness
- ✓ Make note of questions and requests as well as use of the resources provided

APPRAISE YOUR TEAM'S MEMBERSHIP & GOALS

#1

TEAM MEMBERSHIP

Necessary qualification and expertise
 Action oriented
 Goals for team members explicitly stated

#2

STUDENT (CLIENT/PATIENT) GOALS

Concrete, measurable goals for improving performance
 Working toward achieving common goals
 Members engaged, devoting effort

APPRAISE YOUR TEAM'S DATA & PROCESS

#3

INFORMATION AND DATA

Access to relevant info for decision-making
 Info about challenges in home, school, work, community
 Uses and analyzes data
 Methods for monitoring performance

#4

TEAM PROCESS

Adequate time
 Ground rules and expectations
 Orient new members
 Productive
 Mixed formats for meeting

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APPRAISE YOUR TEAM'S COMMUNICATION & RESULTS

#5

TEAM COMMUNICATION

Purposeful dialogue
 Leadership
 Contributions from all
 Divergent opinions welcome
 Cultural differences
 Build consensus
 Positive relationships
 Celebrate successes

#6

GETTING RESULTS

Members provide resources
 Discuss pros / cons
 Ensure understanding
 Follow through with recommendations
 Continuous quality improvement

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CASE STUDY IN EARLY INTERVENTION



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EI TEAM'S APPRAISAL

STATEMENTS	Design	Implementation	Team
STUDENT'S GOALS			
All team members are working toward achieving the common goal of improving student learning.		X	X
The team has established concrete, measurable goals for improving the student's performance.		X	
The team has established concrete, measurable goals to evaluate their success in collaboration efforts.	X		
INFORMATION AND DATA			
The team has access to relevant information about the student to support problem-solving, decision-making, and recommendations.		X	
The team has access to and discusses needed information about the school curriculum, service delivery models, instructional practices, and interventions.			X
The team uses and analyzes data to make decisions.		X	
The team has established methods for monitoring student performance and providing feedback.		X	
TEAM PROCESSES			
The team has established written ground rules and norms for how members will work together.	X		
Adequate time is allocated for planning and meeting.			X
Team meetings are productive.			X
The team uses a mix of formats for meeting so everyone can be included (face-to-face, e-mail, phone, written, and video and audio conferencing).			X
TEAM COMMUNICATION			
The team engages in purposeful dialogue.			X
Team members provide contributions from all members.			X
Diverse opinions are expressed and listened to.			X
The team considers cultural differences when interacting with each other and when working with the student and his or her family.			X
The team builds consensus when making decisions.			X
The team celebrates its successes as it moves toward achieving its goals.			X
GETTING RESULTS			
Team members provide resources and recommendations to facilitate and support student success.			X
Team members can discuss the pros and cons of various instructional and/or service delivery models.			X
Team members ensure that each member understands how to implement recommendations and models for instruction and intervention.	X		

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CASE STUDY IN K-12

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CONFIRM COMMITMENT

Professionals agree to provide patient/client – centered services in a collaborative manner.

- Learn about, from, and with other professionals
- Foster communication, trust, collaboration, team synergy
- Plan, implement, sustain continuity of care

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LET'S GIVE IT A TRY!

1. Think about one of your current teams.
2. Reflect on your impressions, perceptions, experiences.
3. Complete the appraisal form.
4. Discuss your results with people you are sitting with.
5. Summarize your observations.



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#2 TEACHER CHATS

Based on teacher's knowledge of students and his or her teaching experience, what does the teacher recommend?



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#2 TEACHER CHATS



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ENGAGE IN MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS

1. Develop a profile of the student's interactive communication skills and performance within the classroom setting.
2. Highlight strengths as well as problem areas.
3. Use specific questions to guide the discussion
4. Review and analyze the information gathered.
5. Use info to formulate recommendations and strategies for service and coaching teachers.

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TEACHER CHAT

TEACHER CHAT	
Student: _____	Date: _____
School: _____	Grade / Placement: _____
Teacher: _____	Speech-Language Pathologist: _____
<p>INSTRUCTIONS: Develop a profile of the student's communication skills and performance within the classroom setting.</p> <p>1. Ask the teacher to describe his or her observations, highlighting strengths as well as problem areas.</p> <p>2. Analyze the information gathered and use it to jointly formulate recommendations and strategies for services.</p>	
INTERACTIVE CLASSROOM COMMUNICATION	YOUR OBSERVATIONS & SKILLS WE WILL JOINTLY TARGET
How would you describe the student's overall learning and communication performance in your class at this time?	
What are three successful communication situations the student has experienced recently in your classroom?	
Now describe three communication problems and talk about how you handle them.	
Tell me about the student's ability to tell stories, relate events, or convey information.	
Describe the way the student begins, ends and maintains conversations. Is it appropriate for the situation?	
Explain how the student responds to humor, sarcasm and figures of speech.	
Do you feel the student recognizes and uses appropriate vocabulary considering the age and situation?	
Is the student's voice and intonation appropriately suited to the situation, place and event?	
Can the student locate details and facts to answer questions and draw conclusions? How does he or she go about trying to do so?	
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INTERACTIVE CLASSROOM COMMUNICATION	YOUR OBSERVATIONS & SKILLS WE WILL JOINTLY TARGET
Is the student able to comprehend, summarize and read main ideas from written material from a variety of sources (newspapers, magazines, children's area books, reference material)?	
Describe the student's performance when following written directions to complete a task (worksheets, recipes, problems)?	
Characterize the student's written work (grammar, word choice, sentence structure, organization, appropriateness)?	
Does the student's response time permit him or her to respond to questions, participate in discussions, complete assigned tasks?	
What motivates the student to change or improve his or her communication performance efforts?	
Identify communication behaviors that might be helping the student to do well.	
Now, identify behaviors that might be interfering with the student's success.	
Based on your knowledge of children and your experience in teaching, what steps do you think are necessary for helping the student at this time?	
What are three specific strategies you have tried to use to help the student? Why did they work or not work?	
Profile of student's interactive communication and academic performance	
Summary of recommendations	
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A FEW TALKING POINTS CAN GET TO THE HEART OF IT

1. Describe Asa's communication during learning activities.
2. How is she at following directions (spoken or written).
3. Tell me about her ability to tell stories, relate events, or convey information.
4. Do you feel she recognizes and uses appropriate vocabulary considering her age and learning situation?
5. Can Asa keep up with the pace of classwork?

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TEACHER CHAT

- Describe student's performance
- List 3 successes the student has experienced in your class
- Describe 3 problems experienced
- Tell about his ability to tell stories, relate events, convey info
- Describe how student converses

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TEACHER CHAT

- Explain how student responds to humor, sarcasm etc.
- Does student understand new vocab?
- Are student's voice and intonation matched to situation?
- Can student locate facts & details?
- Can student comprehend written materials?

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TEACHER CHAT

- Characterize student's written work.
- Does student respond in time permitted?
- What motivates student to change or improve?
- Identify behaviors that might be helping student do well.

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TEACHER CHAT

- Identify behaviors that might be interfering with success.
- Based on knowledge of children and experience in teaching, what steps to you think are necessary to help?
- What are 3 strategies you have tried to help? How did they work?

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TOP 5 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TEACHERS

1. Model good speech and language during all interactions
2. Reduce the complexity, length, and/or rate of instructions
3. Repeat instructions to and check to see if student understands
4. Provide prompts, assistance, visual and auditory cues
5. Reinforce good communication attempts



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IPe ELIMINATE THE MYSTERY



Describe functional communication

Define impact on learning

Establish consistent criteria for eligibility and service completion

Match students to evidence-based intervention and service delivery options

Manage workload, caseload, scheduling

And more

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SERVICE DECISIONS AT-A-GLANCE

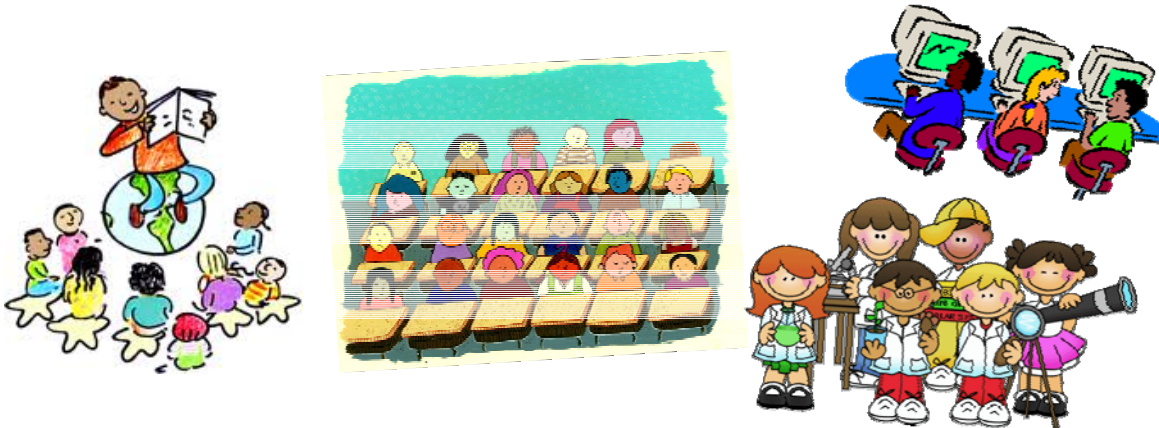
Service Delivery	Encompasses factors such as treatment format, providers, dosage, timing, and setting.
Dosage	Amount, frequency, intensity, duration of treatment.
Format	Structure of the treatment session (e.g., group and/or individual).
Provider	Person/s providing the treatment (e.g., SLP, teacher, caregiver, SLPA, OTA, PTA, Psych).
Timing	Timing of intervention relative to the diagnosis.
Setting	Location of treatment (e.g., classroom, home, community, school environment, workplace).

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#3 JOINT CLASSROOM OBSERVATIONS



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CLASSROOM OBSERVATION FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

Use the Classroom Observation Guide to identify variables that help or hinder student's communication performance.

1. Visit to observe classroom lessons, activities, interactions.
2. Focus on the teacher's manner and style when instructing
3. Note observations in major categories.
4. Discuss when and why learning challenges may have occurred.

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TEACHERS & STUDENTS AT WORK

CLASSROOM OBSERVATION GUIDE

Student: _____ Date: _____
 School: _____ Grade / Placement: _____
 Teacher: _____ Speech-Language Pathologist: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Use this guide when observing a student during a classroom learning activity.
 1. Consider your observations in relation to the student's functional communication skills.
 2. Focus on identifying the demands and expectations of the learning activity and classroom situation.
 3. Mark all statements that illustrate the learning activities, instruction, and classroom environment.
 4. Ask yourself - "What modifications in the instructional activity could lead to improved performance?"

BRIEFLY LIST THE SUBJECTS OR LEARNING ACTIVITIES OBSERVED

TEACHER'S INSTRUCTIONAL COMMUNICATION

- Provided verbal instructions or explanations
- Provided written instructions or explanations
- Supported instruction with examples or objects
- Explained concepts to increase students' understanding
- Organized the presentation of instructions
- Used appropriate length and vocabulary level
- Signaled transition from activity to activity

STUDENT'S WORK SPACE DURING INSTRUCTION

- Front of classroom
- Side of classroom
- Back of classroom
- Meeting with a small group of students
- Roaming throughout the classroom

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS USED DURING THE LEARNING ACTIVITY

- Chalkboard / white board
- Text book
- Workbook / worksheets
- Computers
- Power point
- Audio recordings
- Other

PACE OF INSTRUCTION

- Slow
- Average
- Fast

METHOD FOR ASSESSING LEARNING

- Verbal responses / explanations

STUDENT'S OPTIONS FOR RESPONSE

- Raise hand and speak
- Submit responses via technology
- Written reports or explanations
- Engagement in group activities
- Presentation
- Follow-up assignment

AMOUNT OF TIME ALLOCATED FOR COMPLETION OF THE LEARNING ACTIVITY

- Less than 15 minutes
- 15 - 30 minutes
- 30-45 minutes
- 45 - 60 minutes
- Not enough
- Ample
- Too long

CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT

- Friendly

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SCHOOL DEMANDS & EXPECTATIONS

Presentation of info	Testing practices
Explanation of assignments	Participation requirements
Seating arrangement	Transitions
Learning environment	Organizational skills
Distractions	Study skills
Textbooks, Use of technology	Verbal organization skills
Student response	Requests for assistance

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IPP IN THE CLASSROOM SUCCESS IS IN THE DETAILS

- Intervention / instruction strategies to be shared
- Curricular / academic subjects
- Time of day
- Number of days, weeks, or months
- Probes to determine progress (Curriculum, Speaking, Reading, Writing)
 - Methods for administering probes (Observe, Test, Interview)
 - Schedule for administering probes
- Team's preparation to implement strategies (Model, Demonstrate, Guides)
- Team progress review
- General observations of performance and recommended modifications

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#4 INSTRUCTION & INTERVENTION STRATEGIES FOR IPP

GIVING DIRECTIONS

- Reduce length of instructions
- Reduce complexity
- Reduce rate of delivery
- Repeat instructions
- Give prompts and assistance
- Cue the student, "first", "second", "next"

EXPLAINING CONCEPTS & VOCABULARY

- Define terms
- Show visual representations of concepts & vocabulary
- Present only a few concepts at a time
- Ask questions to verify comprehension

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INSTRUCTION & INTERVENTION STRATEGIES FOR IPP

READING TO THE STUDENT

- Reduce rate
- Reduce complexity
- Reduce length
- Determine comprehension through questioning
- Redirect student's attention to important details and facts

TEACHING MEMORY SKILLS

- Encourage the student to categorize info and make associations
- Provide opportunities for rehearsing info
- Encourage the student to visualize info

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INSTRUCTION & INTERVENTION STRATEGIES FOR IPP

TEACHING HIGHER-LEVEL THINKING AND COMMUNICATING

Provide opportunities for problem solving, decision making, and making judgements

Elicit questions from the student

Ask probing questions to determine comprehension

UNDERSTANDING THE STUDENT

Let the student know if you can't understand him

Request repetition of utterances you don't understand

Provide feedback and guidance to increase the student's understanding you didn't understand

Use sentence completion strategies

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COMMUNICATE TO EDUCATE

- Build relationships
- Participate in school activities
- Provide meaningful messages
- Use a wide range of venues
- Share tips, strategies, techniques



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COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION VENUES

Students

- Classroom visits
- Interactions around schools
- Visual displays inside/outside tx room

Students' Families

- Discussion groups
- Training programs
- Written communication
- Conferences
- Observation days

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COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION VENUES

Administrators

- Reports
- In-service programs
- Meetings
- Conferences
- Written communication (budget requests, annual reports, summaries of relevant professional literature, service statistics, thank you notes, state association newsletters, reports describing conferences and continuing education events)

Educators

- Meetings, conferences
- School committees and team meetings
- Written communication (notes, letters, reports, newsletters, summarizing relevant articles)
- Social communication and dedicated websites
- In-service meetings, faculty meetings
- Invitational events
- Audio and video presentations
- Discussion groups
- Informal interactions (lunch, school events, after school activities)

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COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION VENUES

Local Professionals

- Advice requests
- Professionals meetings and conferences
- Networking through professional organizations
- Written communication (newsletters, letters, reports)
- Social communication and websites

Community

- Participation in community events
- Volunteering
- Speaking and/or membership in community organizations
- Contributing stories to newspapers, letters to the editor
- Meetings, conferences
- School committees
- Informal activities

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COMMUNICATION PLAN

MONTH	MESSAGE	VENUE
MARCH		
APRIL		
MAY		
JUNE		

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YOUR ACTION PLAN

TASK	
Identify 1 team	Your current perception of effectiveness – above average, average, below average
Appraisal Process	Complete the Appraisal Process with at least 1 teammate Discuss the results
Teacher Chat	Engage in a Teacher Chat with 2 teammate Review the comments together
Classroom Observation	Complete a classroom evaluation together Discuss demands and expectations
Focus on 1 academic area and 2 intervention strategies	Complete the 6 stages of the Collaboration process

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ASHA RESOURCES

PACE

Practice Portal

Resources for
School-Based
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