



Mini-Lesson – The Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)

CASE STUDY



Dashawn is a 25 month old boy who lives with his mother and big sister in Wonderland, VA. Dashawn's mother works outside of the home so Dashawn spends time each day at a babysitter's home where he enjoys playing with other children. His father lives out-of-state and visits Dashawn about twice per year when he is in town. Dashawn's grandparents live nearby and are an important part of Dashawn's life.

Dashawn likes to:

- Go for rides in his wagon
- Swing and play in the sandbox at the park
- Look at his Clifford books
- Play with his red Clifford ball and his trains
- Splash in the bathtub
- Run around with his family members and his dog
- Play with other children at daycare

Dashawn doesn't like to:

- Wait for anything he wants
- Chew and swallow meats (because he chokes sometimes)
- Go down the slide at the park
- Be dropped off at daycare (he cries when his mother leaves him in the mornings)

Dashawn's medical and developmental history:

- Born full-term (weight 8lbs, 3oz)
- Experienced jaundice after delivery
- Passed newborn hearing screening
- History of three ear infections
- No concerns noted by parents or physician for vision
- Immunizations are up-to-date
- Family history of developmental delays with communication
- Mother concerned for expressive language development

Parts of the day/Activities that go well:

- Plays well with his sister at home
- Enjoys playing with other children at daycare
- Bath time
- Visits to the park



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Parts of the day/Activities that do not go well:

- Mealtimes (because Dashawn will stuff his cheeks and sometimes chokes on his food)
- Running errands and going to the mall (because of Dashawn's frequent tantrums)
- Anytime Dashawn has to wait for something because he gets frustrated and tantrums. His sister often knows what he wants and will "talk" for him and this sometimes helps with his frustration.

Mother's priorities for Dashawn:

- For Dashawn to be able to talk like other children his age
- Decrease his frustration and number of tantrums
- Find out if Dashawn has autism (she's having him tested at the local children's hospital)
- Be able to go to the mall or on other errands without Dashawn having so many tantrums