When You ASK Good Questions, You Get BETTER Information!

Here are some good comments & questions to use with families when gathering information for IFSP outcome development:

- Tell me about your child...
- What is a typical day like for you and your child?
- What does your child like to do? What do you and your child like to do together?
- What makes your child laugh/smile?
- What parts of the day go really well for you and your child?
- What parts of the day are a struggle for you and your child? Why?
- What frustrates you or your child during the day?
- What would you like for your child to be able to do?
- Who are the most important people in your child’s life?
- Where do you and your child like to go? Where would you like to be able to go?
- What would make your life with your child easier?

It’s up to YOU to ask good questions to help families share the information needed to develop functional, measureable, and individualized IFSP outcomes & goals. Use questions like these to help you learn about and partner with families to help their children grow and learn!

You asked Good Questions… Now What Do You Do?

Information gathered by asking good questions can be used during IFSP development and implementation to support individualized outcomes and routines-based intervention. Here’s how:

Q: What do you and your child like to do together?
A: We love to play tickle games on the couch.

Q: What parts of the day are a struggle for you and your child?
A: It’s hard when he’s hungry and I don’t know what he wants.

OUTCOME: Aidan will use 10 different words to tell his family what he wants at snack time and playtime 3x/day for two weeks.

Service provider coaches Aidan’s mom to teach him to say “cookie” at snack time and “tickl” while playing the tickle game on the couch.