Web-Based Training for Foster/Adoptive Parents

Introduction to Developmental Disabilities

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Introductions

• Name
• Foster/Adoptive Parent
• Agency
• Experience with children with developmental disabilities

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Material Shipped

- Developmental Disabilities: Web Based Training for Foster/Adoptive Parents - Introduction to Developmental Disabilities
- Referral of Children with Confirmed or Suspected Disabilities (laminated card)
- 3x5 cards
- Child Development Guide

Goals

- Introduce Red Flags on development
- Differentiate among similar, but different terms: developmental delays, medically fragile, disability, developmental disability
- Define developmental disabilities

Agenda

- Introductions
- Red Flags in development
- Differentiate among developmental delays, medically fragile, disability, developmental disability
- Introduce 5 DD categories
- Evaluation

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Child Development Guide

Use the Child Development Guide as reference to:

- Assess your child’s development in each area of development
- Identify developmental Red Flags
- Help document specific Red Flags, and share with professional team
- Identify child’s strengths, progress...

Exercise the Brian

Stimulate, Stimulate, Stimulate
Challenge, Challenge, Challenge

Never Stop!
“If you miss the window you are playing with a handicap”

Brain

Developmental Disabilities
(According to the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities - OMRDD)

- Mental Retardation
- Autism
- Cerebral Palsy
- Epilepsy
- Neurological Impairments
Intelligence Quotient

- Weschler Intelligence Scale for Children – WISC/Weschler
- Stanford-Binet
- Kaufman Assessment Battery
- Peabody
- Bayley Infant Scales

Types of Cerebral Palsy

- Choro-Athetoid
- Diplegia
- Hemiplegia
- Quadriplegia
Autism

Autism is part of the Autism Spectrum Disorder or Pervasive Developmental Disorders.

Pervasive Developmental Disorders include:

- Autism
- Early Childhood Disintegration Disorder
- Rett’s Disorder
- Asperger’s Disorder
- Pervasive Developmental Disorder – Not otherwise specified

Neurological Impairments

ADD/ADHD

Speech & Language Disorders

- Aphasia
- Others

Learning Disabilities

- Dyslexia
- Others

Others

- Tourette’s Syndrome
- Prader-Willi
- Neurofibromatosis
- Spina Bifida

What do you see first?

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“The next time you see someone with a disability, ask yourself what you see first – the person or the disability. When you look past the disabilities, you see the abilities and discover a new realm of possibilities.”

Tina Spallina

It’s All About Disabilities...

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The End
Thank You!