

Parent/Family Interview Form

Communication Form and Function Questionnaire

1. What reasons does your child have to communicate?
2. What communication signals does your child use?
 - ◆ When does he or she use these signals?
 - ◆ What is the result?
 - ◆ How clear are the signals?
 - ◆ Can other people see these signals, or would they have to be trained to recognize them?
3. Does your child make noise or vocalizations?
 - ◆ When alone?
 - ◆ When playing with someone else?
 - ◆ When playing with a toy?
4. How does your child currently let you know:
 - ◆ What he or she wants?
 - ◆ When he or she wants you to do something?
 - ◆ When he or she want you to pay attention to something?
 - ◆ When he or she does NOT want something?
5. Is there one person with whom your child is most successful in getting needs or wants met?
 - ◆ What signals is this partner recognizing?
 - ◆ How does this partner interpret the signal?

6. When does your child communicate best?
 - ◆ With whom?
 - ◆ In what settings or activities?
 - ◆ Given what type of responses or cues from partners?
7. When does your child have the most difficulty communicating?
 - ◆ With whom?
 - ◆ In what settings or activities?
 - ◆ Given what type of responses or cues from partners?
8. How does your child respond when interacting?
 - ◆ When you interact with him or her?
 - ◆ When someone else interacts with him or her?
9. Does your child initiate communication with you and with others? If so, how does your child let you know he or she is ready to communicate?
10. Does your child take turns in communicative interaction?
 - ◆ Does your child interrupt you?
 - ◆ Are there long gaps between your turn and your child's response?
11. Does there seem to be a gap between what your child understands and what he or she can express?
 - ◆ What evidence do you have that your child understands you?
 - ◆ Does your child understand better with certain people, in certain settings, or within certain common routines?
12. What is the most frustrating aspect of communicating with your child?