

Topics for Today:

- Educational & Clinical Service Models
- Least Restrictive Environment
- Evidenced-based Process
- Curriculum-based Process
- Parent Consent & Partnership
- ❖ Integrated IEP Development
- ❖ Embedded Intervention
- Data-based Practice/ Progress Monitoring
- Ethics
- Rosters, Schedules & Workload
- Answering Your Questions

Setting Matters









Educational & Clinical Models: Similarities and Differences





Private Practice v. Public School Practice

Private evaluations are often conducted for the purposes of diagnosing conditions, gaining insight, pursuing medical intervention, etc. $\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)$

Formal evaluations within the public school arena are only conducted when a child is suspected to have a disability under IDEA

eligible in 1(or more) of 14 areas of eligibility

- + adverse effect on educational performance
- + need for specially designed instruction
- = disability under IDEA

It Is Not an Either/Or Situation:

Some children should receive services through **both** models.

oFor many children the frequency or intensity of therapy they receive at school through the educational model will not meet all of the child's needs for therapy

oThere may be goals that are not addressed by school based therapy and would require home or community based services from the medical model

oln each setting, the child should be assessed individually to determine the best way to meet his or her needs

IDEA 2004: Related Services



...transportation, and such developmental, corrective, and other supportive services (including speech-language pathology and audiology services, including speech-language pathology and physical and occupational therapy, recreation, including therapeutic recreation, social work services, school nurse services designed to enable a child with a disability to receive a free appropriate public education as described in the individualized education program of the child, counseling services, including rehabilitation counseling, orientation and mobility services, and medical services, except that such medical services shall be for diagnostic and evaluation purposes only) as may be required to assist a child with a disability to benefit from special education, and includes the early identification and assessment of disabling conditions in children.

IDEA 2004: Related Services

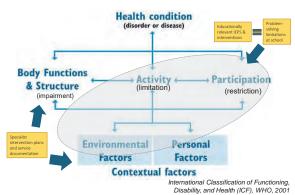
Any service a student with a disability <u>requires</u> in order to benefit from his/her special education program:

- "Meet their unique needs"
 - achieve their IEP goals and/or
 - access and participate in the educational environment
- "Prepare them for further education, employment and independent living."
- Service <u>must</u> be related to an educational need or function

34 CFR §300.34

 Participation & educational performance are <u>primary</u> in educational practice

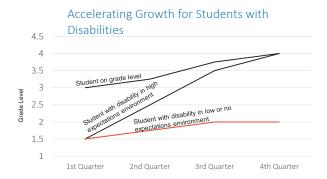
Special Scope



Specially Designed Interventions



- •To address gaps and/or accelerate academic, behavioral, and functional progress toward ageand grade-level standards
- •To ensure a free, appropriate, public education (FAPE)
- •To help students with disabilities graduate with a diploma
- •To make all school programs, activities, and environments accessible
- •To attain IEP goals



Role of Related Service Providers (RSPs)

- •Collector of information
- Provider of information
 - Active participant at IEP meeting
 - Share information prior to meeting if unable to attend
- $\bullet \textbf{Synthesizer of information} \\$
 - From unique perspective of PT expertise
 - In light of developmental priorities
- •Team Player



What about School Psychological Services?



Psychological Services include:

- (i) Administering psychological and educational tests, and other assessment procedures; $\,$
- (ii) Interpreting assessment results;
- (iii) Obtaining, integrating, and interpreting information about child behavior and conditions relating to learning;
- (iv) Consulting with other staff members in planning school programs to meet the special educational needs of children as indicated by psychological tests, interviews, direct observation, and behavioral evaluations;
- (v) Planning and managing a program of psychological services, including psychological counseling for children and parents; and
- (vi) Assisting in developing positive behavioral intervention strategies.

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Counseling as a Related Service:

Services provided by qualified social workers, psychologists, guidance counselors, or other qualified personnel.

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Evidence-based Practice in Schools

- Work within parameters of foundational documents
- Use EBP models/processes
- Use standardized assessments
- Use interventions likely to change target behavior if implemented with integrity
- Record, interpret, & recommend based on data



EBP in schools = Curriculum-based practice

Evidence-based Practice Resources

What Works Clearinghouse - http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/ Evidence Based Intervention Network - http://ebi.missouri.edu/

AOTA - http://www.aota.org/ebp

APTA - http://www.apta.org/evidenceresearch/

Hooked on Evidence

Open Door: APTA's Portal to Evidence-based Practice PTNow

ASHA - http://www.asha.org/members/ebp/

SAMHSA - National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and

Practices <u>www.nrepp.samhsa.gov</u>

Parent Consent

- Special education
- 504 Plans
- FERPA
 - Medicaid
 - Communication outside of school
 - E-mail



The Therapy Process in Schools:

EVALUATION

Child Find

Request may be verbal or in writing (GET IT IN WRITING)

Sources of referral- those who may request that a student be

- School-based intervention teams (MTSS problem-solving teams, etc.)
- > Parent or family member
- > Teacher

evaluated:

Community provider



90-Day Timeline

In North Carolina, schools have 90 calendar days to complete the <u>entire</u> process from initial referral to placement



90 Calendar Days

Educationally Relevant Evaluation Questions

- What does this student need to access, participate and make progress in the general education curriculum?
- What supports this student's performance?
- What limits this student's performance?
- What does this student need to:
 - access the classroom and campus?
 - participate in extracurricular & nonacademic activities?
 - learn and participate with nondisabled children?
 - achieve his/her IEP goals?

The buffet is open.

NOT: "Does this student need therapy or counseling at school?"

Educationally Relevant Evaluation

Should provide IEP team with information from your professional lens

Should inform decisions about:

- Present Level of Academic and Functional Performance
- Access to Common Core & Essential Standards
- Student Goals
- Services
- · Accommodations and Modifications
- Least Restrictive Environment

Educationally Relevant Data Sources

- Progress monitoring data
- Questionnaires
- Observation notes
- Standardized assessments
- Adaptive and developmental scales
- Report cards
- Clinical judgment
- Play-based assessment
- Behavior checklists
- Interviews
- Student work samples
- Attendance

Educationally Relevant Data Sources

- ✓ student work samples

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 ✓ preyious tests/reports
 ✓ office referrals
 ✓ other discipline data
 ✓ attendance records

- ✓ learning environment
 ✓ student in specific, relevant settings (when problem is most likely/least likely to occur)

 ✓ informal observation

 ✓ systematic observation
- ✓ parents
 ✓ counselors
 ✓ administrators the student others involved in the student's education
- ✓ universal screening
 ✓ curriculum-based
 measures (CBM)
 ✓ districtwide and state tests ✓ diagnostic assessments
 ✓ functional behavior assessments
 ✓ standardized assessmen

Selecting Standardized Assessments

- •Where in the process does the assessment fit?
- •Does the assessment address the referral concerns?
- •Does it fit your theoretical approach?
- •What area of the ICF model does it assess?
- •What existing data needs further clarification, quantification, or comparison to other children?
- •What will the results provide that observation and work samples
- •Why do you want the assessment's particular results:
- Will results help the team decide if this is a child with a disability?
- Will results guide IEP development?

Adapted from OT Practice, 5/28/07 by Lorch and Herge, pp.17-22

Interpretation and Assessment-make the connection!

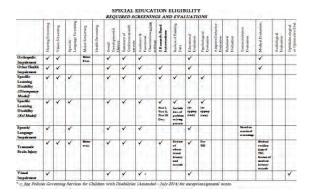
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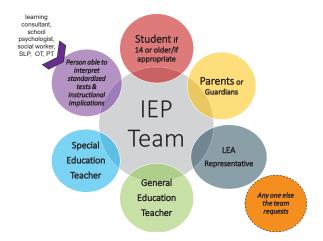
- Compared to other students in this setting...
- Compared to other students this age...
- This student's disability results in...
- This student struggles in general education because...
- This student has success in general education when...
- Given _____, this student could...
- High expectations for this student include...

The Therapy Process in Schools:

ELIGIBILTY
DETERMINATION

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Determination of Eligibility

<u>General:</u> Upon completion of the administration of assessments and other evaluation measures—

- (1) A group of qualified professionals and the parent determines whether the child is a child with a disability as defined in NC 1500-2.4, in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section and the educational needs of the child; and
- (2) The LEA provides a copy of the evaluation report and the documentation of determination of eligibility at no cost to the parent.

NC 1503-2.7 - part A

Determination of Eligibility for Special Education & Related Services

Three Prongs:

A student is eligible to receive special education and related services, <u>IF</u> the following three questions are addressed and answered <u>YES</u> by the IEP team=

- 1. Is this student is a 'student with a disability'? Does the child meet eligibility criteria for the specific area of disability? Do any of the 14 educational categories of disabilities fit?)
- 2. Does the disability have an adverse effect on this student's academic or functional performance?
- 3. Are these performance deficits related to the disability such that the student requires specially designed instruction in order to access the general curriculum?

Determination of Eligibility

All IEP team decisions are data-based; reliant on documented information that has been carefully considered...

After the IEP team answers questions related to:

- -disability criteria (prong 1)
- -adverse effect (prong 2)
- -need for specially designed instruction (prong 3)

The team must also respond to the following (discussed $\underline{\text{prior}}$ to evaluation):

- \checkmark The determination is NOT a result of lack of instruction in reading
- \checkmark The determination is NOT a result of lack of instruction in math
- ✓ The determination is NOT the result of being a student who has Limited English Proficiency
- If all answers are YES, then eligibility for special education services has been determined
- $\mbox{$\P^{}$ If \underline{any} of the answers are NO, then eligibility for special education services is not determined$

Evaluation Purpose(s)

Synthesize/Summarize Data Sources



Special education evaluations are a continuation of the problem solving process not the end goal.

Plan Evaluation Plan Evaluation Plan Implementation

Search for Effective Instruction



Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504 (29 USC § 794 and 34 CFR § 104.4)

"No qualified handicapped individual shall, solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity which receives or benefits from Federal financial assistance."

- Authoritative agency= Office of Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Education
- Offers protection for citizens with disabilities against discrimination
- Requires entities receiving federal funding to afford equal access
- Intended to 'level playing field'
- May include accommodations and/or related services
- No age limitations



Section 504: Guiding Questions

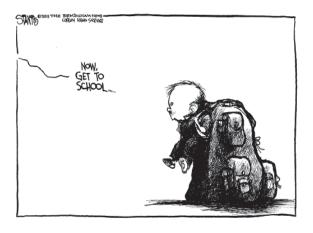


- Does this student have a physical or mental impairment that limits major life activities?
- Do they have equal access when compared to other students?
- What accommodations and/or services are required to ensure equal access?
- Are these accommodations and/or services reasonable

	Section 504	IDEA					
Type of legislation	Civil rights Act: Discrimination Protection	Education Act: Entitlement					
Funding	School funding (no separate funding)	State-federal-local funding					
Administration	Section 504 Coordinator	Special Ed Director					
Service tool	504 Plan – accommodations & services	IEP – Special education & related services					
Disability	Substantial physical/mental impairments	14 federal categories					
Parents	Should be involved; on team	Consent required; on team					
Procedural Safeguards	Notify parents	Parent consent & notice required for evaluations & placement					
Requirements	 Child find 	LRE					
Eligibility	Evaluation with team decision •adversely affects •major life activity	Evaluation with team decision *by specific category *substantially limits academic & functional performance					

The Therapy Process in Schools:

IEP DEVELOPMENT and INTERVENTION PLANNING



IEP Development: The Sequence Eligibility for Special Education is determine



Effective IEP Meetings

- •Put yourself in the parents' shoes
- •Ask questions
- •Be courteous: cell phones off and away
- •Speak in an engaged, but not patronizing, way
- •Be aware of the non-verbal cues of all participants (this means you!)
- •Avoid professional or EC jargon
- •Take 3 minutes
- Listen, actively
- •https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pu4KnwNu1Rw
- •https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d44wPE9azXk

Effective IEP meetings: Use an Agenda What role can the student play?

- •Welcome, introductions, purpose
- •Agenda review
- •Ground rules, including decision-making process
- Present level/progress report
- •Goals & objectives
- Accommodations & modifications
- •Placement/LRE
- Services
- Adjourn

IEP Development: Goals

- Focus on school function and participation—NOT impairments
- Flow out of Present Level of Performance (get specific!)
- Factors or criterion for measuring student performance
- Can be achieved within IEP time frame
- Connect to the Common Core and Essential Standards



IEP Development: Goals Drive Services

Determining need for service prior to goal development results in:

- · Fragmented programming
- Duplication of services & supports
- · Overlooked areas of need
- Undue focus on isolated skills
- Limited focus on participation in educational program
- Confusion between clinical & educational models of practice



Supplementary Aids & Services

Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)

"To promote academic success and social participation and to access, progress, and participate in the *general curriculum*"

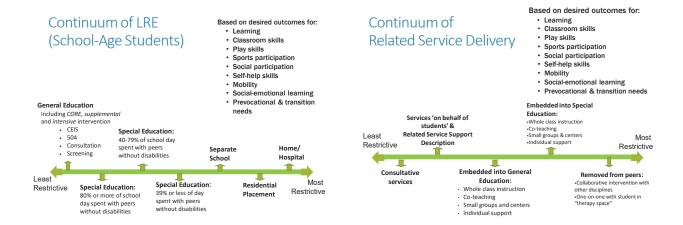
(Wolfe & Hall, 2003)



What Do We Want?









Plans of Care/Intervention Plans

- •Articulate important clinical reasoning not found in the IEP
 - Impairment (vs. participation) level concerns
 - Therapy frame(s) of reference, theoretical or clinical approach
 - Anticipated sequence of methodologies or intervention approaches
- Intervention contexts
- Supplementary aid or service monitor and support
- \bullet Monitor and support for equipment
- Community collaborations and supports, including home programs
- Exit criteria
- •Clarify need for interventions specially designed by a licensed Related Service Provider (RSP)
- •Communicate with other team members

Embedded Intervention: THE BENEFITS – Students & Staff

Students:

Generalize skills more readily Peers serve as models More time exposed to instruction

Staff

Greater capacity/more strategies for all students Access to therapists as models

Access to therapists as models Reduced need for re-teaching

Therapists:

Increased visibility/school involvement Access to teachers as models Demystified therapy room 'magic' Informed whole-student perspective



Embedded Intervention: CHARACTERISTICS

- •Assumes collaborative planning and team approach
- •Occurs within daily routines and classroom schedule
- •Connects IEP activities to curriculum
- •Designs instructional and therapeutic media based on student:
 - activity
 - preferences
- interests • motivators
- •Recognizes dynamic relationship between child, activity, and/or environment

Frank Porter Graham Child Care Staff & Dr. Robin McWilliam, 2005

Documenting Intervention and Progress

Intervention notes must comply with:

- Licensure guidelines
- EC guidelines
- Medicaid guidelines

Progress notes serve to:

- Synthesize progress monitoring data
- Communicate with a varied audience
- Highlight YOUR discipline's contribution
- Inform next steps



Fidelity in Monitoring

=Degree to which an intervention is implemented as intended (Gresham, Gansle & Noell, 1993; Moncher & Prinz, 1991)

Extent to which interventionists are faithful to:

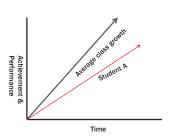
- intervention plan
- data collection

Requires:

- · third-party person checking fidelity
- plan for monitoring
- report of findings

Progress Monitoring

- •Scientifically based practice used to frequently:
- •assess students' academic performance
- •evaluate the effectiveness of instruction
- •Focuses on student rate of growth
- •Indicates when IEP annual goals have been met



Data Collection by Students-Reinforcing Math



Can students keep their own data?

Kindergarten

Answer 'How many?' up to 20

Grade 1

Use data to answer questions ("How did you do on your goal last week?)

Compare data using bar graphs

Grade 2

Draw a bar graph Identify odd or even

Data collection resources:

- > National Center on Student Progress Monitoring-
- http://www.studentprogress.org National Center on RTI http://www.rti4success.org
- Google data collection forms!
- ➤ Google data collection (C.)
 ➤ Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District http://www.eupschools.org/Page/ 3253

Date	Tally each time seen:	Total

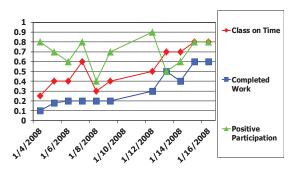
At the meeting:

- •Ask teacher to describe thing you want to measure (falls, on task, engaged, use of equipment)
 •Operationally define together, work out all differences
 •Decide who collects, where, when/what routine and how often
 •Provide tally to all collectors
 •Schedule turn in dates and discussion times

			Falls Log			
Student					Wee	k of: May 15-19 201
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			2- Tripped caught by other (who?)		right before the fall?	after the fall?
			3-Fell to hands or knees (which or			
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Multiple Goals Displayed



Using the Data

- •Data only informs when it is reviewed, interpreted and APPLIED!
- •What does the data suggest about:
 - what student has learned? not learned?
 - the student's ability to apply skills learned? in various contexts?
 - mastery of goals by end of IEP?
 - intervention? dosing?
- •Do certain skills need to be:
 - re-taught?
 - · prioritized?
 - · stopped/abandoned?

Data-Driven Change

- •Is rate of progress appropriate? If yes, celebrate!
- •If no, adapt:
 - Environment
 - Task complexity/size/pace
 - Intervention methods /procedures/routines
 - Resources and materials • Group size/peer presence
- · Sequence of skills taught
- Amount of (response or service) time allocated
- Level of support; type/intensity of
- feedback • Student motivation/responsibility
- •Replicate practice of therapists or educators who demonstrate effectiveness
- •Consult with IEP team
- •Ask. The. Student.
- •Assess student response to adjustments

Progress Reporting

- •Reports on the child's progress toward meeting each annual goal will be provided concurrent with the issuance of report cards, or more often as determined by the IEP Team.
- •Parent understands, in advance, how progress on goals will be provided
- •Uses clear, parent-friendly language
- •Explains extent to which progress is sufficient to achieve goals and if not, why not
- •Includes goal written on progress report
- •Identifies contributors, especially when progress varies by discipline focus/emphasis

Not All Progress Reports Are Equal





Variable progress

Good attendance

Thanks for sending in snacks!

Kaurie Ray, Physical Therapist

EXCELLENT 🙂



GOAL: In 36 weeks, given a routine classroom task within her ability level (lining up to go outside, washing hands before snack, etc.), Nancy will initiate and complete the task with <3 prompts to start/persist and no tantrums on four consecutive data collection dates.

Week 3 - 8 tantrums ; required average of 5 prompts to start/complete tasks

Week 6 - 7 tantrums; required average of 3 prompts to start/complete tasks

Week 9 - 4 tantrums; required average of 3 prompts to start/complete tasks

Nancy is learning alternatives to having tantrums (requesting breaks; referring to star chart) and is on course to meet this goal by end of IEP.

Lauren Holahan, Occupational Therapist

Ethics



Around Here



North Carolina State Board of **Education Code of Ethics** (16 NCAC 6C.0601 and 16 NCAC 6C.0602, 1998)

http://sbepolicy.dpi.state.nc.us/policies/QP-C-014.asp?pri=02&cat=C&pol=014&acr=QP

◆AND each of our respective professional associations ◆





Potential Ethical Issues in School Practice

- •Service Delivery Decisions
- Documentation
- Working Autonomously
- Medicaid
- •Competence
- Assistant Supervision
- •Serving multiple employers and/or settings

- Confidentiality
- •Competing Interests
- Delegating Tasks
- •DME Acquision



Developing a Schedule

- •Review IEPs
- •Locate students
- •Talk to teachers
- •Talk with other service providers
- •Streamline travel
- •Build-in planning & evaluation time



Workload

- •Service to students
- •IEP meetings
- •Evaluations
- •Documentation and billing
- •Supervision of:
- Therapy assistants
- Interns
- Non-licensed personnel



- •Program, agency, and family consultation
- •Staff development
- •Regular education initiatives
- •Specialty teams (AT, PK, Au)
- Travel
- •Equipment acquisition, maintenance, and training

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