

Parent Skills Checklist

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Check Any That Apply. The results of this screening can be used for tailoring person-centered teaching.

Preconception – Person with IDD	Preconception – Service Agency
Choose a primary care provider	Nursing assessment identifies areas of support need
Participate in regularly scheduled appointments	Offer support to schedule and keep medical appointments
Learn about sexual health issues	Assess learning needs
Plan for beginning a family	Reinforce learning
Practice safe sex	Model responsible behavior
Prenatal – Person with IDD	Prenatal – Service Agency
Attend all obstetric appointments	Offer support to make and keep medical appointments
Follow the recommendations of the doctor, midwife or NP	Reinforce learning
Learn how to take care of yourself	Offer emotional support
Prepare for the arrival of the baby	Assist in planning for arrival of baby, including budgeting
Newborn – Person with IDD	Newborn – Service Agency
Love your baby and talk to your baby	Observe for any problem areas (i.e., fussy baby, post-partum)
Learn about your baby's habits	Assist in developing a picture schedule of baby care
Sleep when you can and eat food that is good for you	
Learn to ask for help	
Infancy – Person with IDD	Infancy – Service Agency
Learn safety skills	Observe for safe environments
Take the baby to all scheduled well-child checks	Reinforce good parenting skills
Meet other parents of young children	Assist parent in creating a workable schedule
Take the baby to activities at the library	Assist parent to identify community resources

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Toddler & Preschool – Person with IDD	Toddler & Preschool – Service Agency
Enroll your 3 year old in DCPS pre-school	Observe for safe environments
Continue with enrichment activities	Reinforce good parenting skills
Seek help to maintain loving discipline	Assist parent in creating a workable schedule
Plan activities for out-of-school time	Assist the parent in creating a workable schedule
School Age – Person with IDD	School Age – Service Agency
Select the best school for your child	Observe for safe environments
Meet your child's teacher and learn how to communicate	Reinforce good parenting skills
Be sure your child is prepared for school	Continue with a daily schedule
Learn about the resources available to assist you	Assist parent with interaction with school personnel
Learn about what happened during your child's day	
Prepare for the next school day	
Find summer programs	
Teen Years – Person with IDD	Teen Years – Service Agency
Take a deep breath!	Respect the parent's decision
Find ways to communicate with your teen	Know referral sources that provide emotional guidance
Create balance about providing appropriate privacy	Be familiar with community resources for teens
Assist them in enrolling in after-school activities	Be prepared to listen to teen, but do not contradict parent
Monitor their school work	Assist parent in guiding the teen in post-secondary pursuits
Seek assistance from others	

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