

Neuroaffirming Assessment Checklist



Remarkable
Speech + Movement

Before the Session

Purpose

Get clarity on the purpose of the assessment – what questions do the family want answered?

Draw on family members expertise

Ask about:

- their interests, activities and what motivates them.
- their learning style and how they can show their skills best.
- their sensory and regulation needs to (a) increase their energy and (b) feel calm and comfortable

Consider the location

Where is the assessment going to take place?

(at home, at pre/school, in a clinic, online, park, other)

- Consider: where are they most communicative and with whom? Pros and cons? Multiple locations?

Plan how to get the info you need

Plan multiple, flexible ways to get holistic information to provide clarity.

- Consider: single word assessment, connected speech, OMA, observational assessment, home videos, facilitative play, visuals, books, dynamic assessment, imitation, strategies to reduce the power differential

Set the scene

Offer choices of preferred items, sensory supports and toys.

Consider things to have out and things to swap in.

Get OMA assessment and materials prepped and ready.

Set up video recorder for later analysis - a must!

Get yourself ready

Reflect on your regulation before the session. Do what you need to feel prepared and ready to co-regulate and respond dynamically to the child and family in the session.

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