

Considerations for Therapy Services in the Schools

Factors	1	2	3	4
Potential to benefit with therapeutic intervention	Student demonstrates minimal potential for change	Student appears to have potential for change but at a slower rate	Student appears to have a significant potential for change	Student appears to have a high potential to improve skills
Critical periods of skill acquisition or regression	Not a critical period	Minimally critical period	Critical period	Extremely critical period
What can be performed by others in addition to therapist intervention	Program can be safely implemented by others w/periodic therapist intervention	Many activities can be safely performed by others along with intervention by therapist	Some activities can be safely performed by others along with intervention by therapist	A few activities can be safely carried out by others but most of the program requires the expertise of the therapist
Potential to benefit with therapeutic intervention	Demonstrates minimal potential for change	Potential for change but at a slower rate	Significant potential for change	High potential to improve skills
Amount of training provided therapist to others	With training, other staff or parents can meet student's needs. No additional training required	Staff or parents trained but some follow up is needed	Staff/parents could be trained to carry out some activities	Staff/parents could carry out some activities with extensive training
Degree that problem interferes with educational setting	Environment is accommodating and difficulties are minimal	Environment is accommodating and difficulties are moderately interfering	Environment is accommodating but difficulties are significant	Environment is not accommodating or environment is accommodating but problems are severe

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