Annual Autism Milestone Assessments

Caregiver Checklist

(For parents, guardians, and caregivers preparing for their child's meeting)

Before the Meeting:

✔ **Review Your Child's Current Plan:**
- Go through the current IEP, 504 Plan, or therapy reports.
- Note which accommodations are working and which need adjustments.

✔ **Gather Important Documents & Observations:**
- Progress reports, behavior logs, or doctor/therapist recommendations.
- Any personal notes about changes at home affecting learning/behavior.

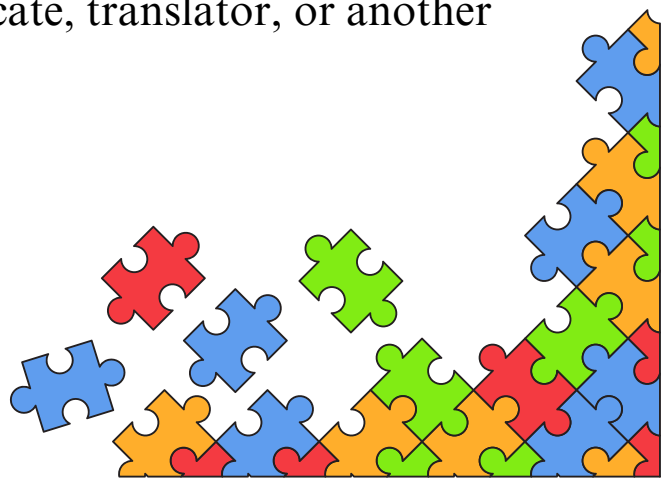✔ **Write Down Your Questions & Concerns:**
- Are current goals appropriate and realistic?
- Are therapies, accommodations, or supports meeting your child's needs?
- Are there any new concerns (sensory issues, behavior changes, new medical needs)?

✔ **Discuss with Your Child (If Appropriate):**
- Ask about school experiences, challenges, and what helps them succeed.
- Involve them in goal-setting (especially for older children).

✔ **Confirm Meeting Details:**
- Double-check date, time, and location.
- Arrange for necessary support (e.g., an advocate, translator, or another caregiver to attend with you).

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<u>During the Meeting:</u>

✓ **Advocate for Your Child:**
- Express concerns openly and ask for clarification when needed.
- Speak up about any unmet needs or additional services your child requires.

✓ **Ask Key Questions:**
- How does my child's progress compare to their peers?
- What strategies have been most effective?
- What can we do at home to support these goals?

✓ **Take Notes & Request a Copy of the Plan:**
- Write down key decisions, changes, and next steps.
- Request a copy of updated plans before leaving.

✓ **Confirm Follow-Ups & Next Steps:**
- Schedule additional meetings if needed (e.g., further evaluations).
- Set a plan for regular communication with teachers and therapists.