

LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY

Interprofessional Case

Case 1:

Christian is a 6-year old boy who is about to transition to kindergarten at his local public school. He was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder at age 24 months and is the youngest child. His sister Caitlin is 14 and his brother Leo is 12. He lives with his family in a small apartment in an urban community. Christian's father works at a local grocery store and speaks both English and Portuguese. His mother does not work and speaks Portuguese primarily. As such, his father often takes the lead in translating during meetings.

be on the special education and speech-pathologist case load
challenge: language barriers

At the time of his diagnosis, [Christian]'s family placed him in early intervention services and he continued there until he started in the local special education preschool program. During that time, he made developmental gains in the areas of interactive play and early communication using sign language and picture-based communication tools. However, his parents remain concerned about how inconsistently he responds at home. Sometimes he seems focused on what they are saying and at other times, he still seems like he can't hear them. His verbal speech also remains very limited. Socially, his preschool teacher indicated that he interacts with other children on occasion but primarily chooses to play alone with puzzles, books, and art materials. His behaviors have improved but he continues to occasionally meltdown in school when his routines are changed. Mom reports seeing similar behavior issues at home. She states that she finds it hard to focus completely on Christian's needs as his brother is starting to struggle as well.

inform Christian ahead of time about changes

work with the physical therapist, social worker, and counselors

use social stories regulate emotions

Leo, a 6th grader, has not been adhering to his dietary restrictions for his Type 2 diabetes. He seems embarrassed at having to leave class to check in with the nurse every day. Additionally, with the upcoming basketball team tryouts, Leo is less focused on his health. Since the parent's primary concern is with Christian and Leo, they take relief in knowing that Caitlin is more independent at home. However, they do admit that she seems a bit withdrawn lately. High school can certainly be a tough time but her parents feel that as long as Caitlin keeps her grades up, things are probably fine.

(a) in English or English and Portuguese

find resources to meet and family - social worker - school counselor

talk about emotions

what is the height of student? (to measure level)

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pull-out with the nurse & others

high school work the 10

↳ Work together to see what other professionals
will do to create a best plan.

↳ think about short and long term objectives

↳ main focus is the student/client

↳ bounce off ideas with each other

↳ No one knows everything but have to come
together to solve a problem

↳ be intentional with the plan