

PRESCHOOL ADAPTATIONS AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Below are ideas for supporting the unique learning needs of your child.

Support playing with others, you can...

- Show or model how to play with another person in your home
- Show or model how to ask another person in your home to play

Support for vision needs, you can...

- Point out details you want the child to see. Explore details using others.
- Provide a black board or paper to place toys on while playing.
- Use a flashlight to spotlight the toy or object

Support for hearing needs, you can...

- Make sure your child's amplification system is on and working
- Move close to your child and speak slowly and clearly
- Use fewer words in noisy surroundings

Support with transitioning from one activity to the next, you can...

- Give a warning with an object, picture, sign, and word
- Use a timer or signal
- Use a schedule with pictures or objects that shows the next activity

Support as they get excited by things around them (sounds, people, touch, smells), you can...

- Offer your child an item that offers comfort (stuffed animals, fidget, blanket, toy)
- Prepare your child by telling through words or pictures what they will experience
- Offer and encourage breaks from stimulation

Support using large and small muscles, you can...

- Preview the area that you will visit to ensure your child can easily move about the space
- Provide child-friendly materials as they explore the use of their muscles
- Provide opportunities that encourage independence

Support with communicating, you can...

- Provide alternative ways to communicate (objects, pictures, signs, communication devices)
- Get down on your child's level and give them time to process what you are saying or asking
- Engage in conversation and watch as your child communicates in individual way