

Communication Methods

Communication is made up of two parts: receptive and expressive. Like all people your child uses a variety of ways to communicate. The following information can introduce new teachers and support personnel to your child's communication system. You may want to check several items under each section or add your own ideas.

You can get my attention best by:

- calling my name
- touching me
- getting my eye contact and signing my name
- other _____

I understand you best when:

- I can see your face
 - You use sign language
 - You speak as you use sign
 - I am close to you
 - You show me a picture or act out what want
 - You have me watch another child first
- You communicate using _____ number of words in each sentence.

This is how my child will let you know how he/she is feeling:

- Tired _____
- Sick _____
- Angry _____
- Frustrated _____
- Hungry _____
- Need for toileting _____

Here are some words that are difficult for people outside my family to understand:

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| Word _____ | How I say it _____ |
| Word _____ | How I say it _____ |
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Here are some words that I have a home sign for:

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| Word _____ | How I sign it _____ |
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