

CANS TIPS TO ENGAGE YOUR FAMILIES



STRENGTHS

Are there positive people or places that your child enjoys? Can you tell me some things your child is really great at?



LIFE FUNCTIONING

Can you tell me how your child is doing at school? At home? What are some areas where things are going well? What are some areas that are challenging right now?

**CONVERSATIONS
START WITH
GENERAL
QUESTIONS THAT
ALLOW YOU TO
LISTEN, LEARN,
AND EXPLORE**



BEHAVIORAL/ EMOTIONAL

How would you describe how your child feels and acts? How do they get along with others? How do they handle their emotions? Is there anything they do or say that concerns you?



RISK BEHAVIORS

Has your child ever done anything that made you worry about their safety? Have they ever done anything that could hurt themselves or put other people in danger?

CANS HELPS YOU ORGANIZE INFORMATION INTO EIGHT DOMAINS



TRAUMATIC/ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES

Has your child ever gone through anything difficult? Has anything ever happened to your child that has stayed with them for a long time and is hard to cope with? Are there any negative experiences your family has been through that have been difficult to cope with?



CAREGIVER NEEDS

Can you tell me about what's going on for you and what your needs are recently? What are your strengths?

**SHARE WITH
FAMILIES THE TOOL
YOU'RE USING.
EXPLAIN THAT THEIR
CONCERNS ARE THE
MOST IMPORTANT
AND THEY KNOW
THEIR CHILD BEST!**



CULTURAL FACTORS

Can you tell me about your family's culture and how that impacts your child's life? Are there any cultural differences within your family or between you and the other people in your community?



DEVELOPMENTAL FACTORS

Can you tell me about your child as a baby and growing up? Do you have any worries about things you think they might not do or didn't do at the age you thought they would?