

THE TRANSITION PLANNER PLAN

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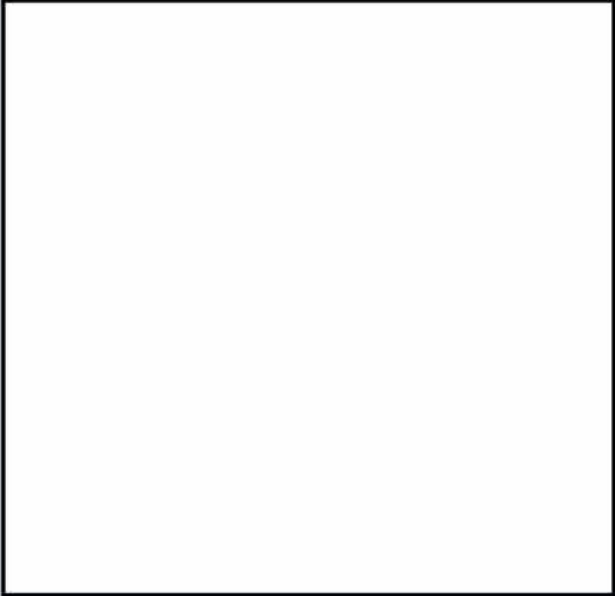
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PURPOSE

The Transition Planner Plan is designed for parents who are preparing their child for developmental or life transitions. This plan provides structured strategies for navigating school transitions, changes in therapy or services, adolescence, and preparation for adulthood. Parents will learn how to plan ahead, build independence, and make informed, ethical decisions that support their child's long-term success.

SPECIFIC NEEDS FOR THIS FAMILY:

(Use the space below to document the unique characteristics or challenges of the family you are working with.)



FAMILY PROFILE

Typical Characteristics of Families Who Need This Plan:

- ☐ Child struggles with changes in routine and needs structured support during transitions.
- ☐ Parents need guidance in helping their child build skills for greater independence.
- ☐ Parents want to ensure ethical decision-making when planning for their child's future.
- ☐ Family is considering long-term planning, including future living arrangements, employment, or self-advocacy skills.
- ☐ Parents are preparing for a major developmental transition (e.g., starting school, puberty, aging out of services).

GOAL SETTING

RECOMMENDED AND EXAMPLE GOALS

Select or Customize Goals

Choose from the recommended goals below or write your own to align with the family's specific needs.

Preparing for Developmental Transitions

- ☐ Parent will introduce and discuss an upcoming transition with their child at least once per week to increase comfort and understanding.
- ☐ Parent will use a transition strategy to help their child prepare for a new environment.

Planning for the Future

- ☐ Parent will explore and outline at least two community resources or support services available for their child as they age.
- ☐ Parent will collaborate with educators, therapists, or transition specialists to develop a structured transition plan tailored to their child's needs.

Building Skills for Greater Independence

- ☐ Parent will support their child in completing one self-care or daily living task independently per day.
- ☐ Parent will introduce and reinforce at least one new responsibility that promotes independence, such as following a schedule or managing a simple task without prompts.

Navigating Ethical Challenges in Decision-Making

- ☐ Parent will collaborate with educators, therapists, or transition specialists to develop a structured transition plan tailored to their child's needs.
- ☐ Parent will identify and document three priorities for their child's transition planning, ensuring choices align with the child's needs and preferences.

Customized Goals for This Family: (Write additional or revised goals specific to the family.)

RECOMMENDED LESSONS

Below is the recommended sequence of lessons for a family who fits this profile. As they gain skills and confidence, you can add new lessons or move to a different plan.

1. Transition Planning

Transitions can be challenging, but structured planning helps reduce stress and increase success. This lesson teaches parents how to anticipate upcoming transitions, introduce changes gradually, and use supports like social stories, visual schedules, and reinforcement to prepare their child.

2. Ethical Considerations for Parents

As children grow, parents must make important decisions regarding their child's future. This lesson provides guidance on balancing independence, safety, and autonomy, ensuring that decisions align with both ethical standards and the child's best interests.

3. Task Analysis

Task analysis is an effective strategy for teaching daily living skills and self-sufficiency. This lesson helps parents break down complex life skills so that they are easier for parents to teach and for children to learn.

4. Setting Effective Goals

Clear, structured goals help families track progress and adjust transition strategies as needed. This lesson provides a framework for setting realistic, measurable goals that align with the child's current skills and long-term needs.

5. Reinforcement

Transitions are easier when positive reinforcement is used to encourage flexibility and independence. This lesson teaches parents how to use reinforcement to support new routines, skill acquisition, and coping with change.

6. Responding with Compassion

Transitions can bring emotional challenges for both children and parents. This lesson helps parents understand their child's reactions to change, provide emotional support, and maintain a compassionate approach during difficult adjustments.

RECOMMENDED LESSONS

7. Teaching Community and Life Skills

As children prepare for greater independence, they need skills to navigate real-world settings. This lesson helps parents teach safety, self-advocacy, and community-based skills that support their child's ability to thrive in different environments.

Additional Lessons to Include (if applicable): (Add or adjust lessons to match family needs.)

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Engagement Tips

Prepare for Transitions in Small Steps

Big changes can feel overwhelming, so breaking transitions into smaller steps helps ease anxiety. Encourage parents to introduce changes gradually, whether it's visiting a new school ahead of time, practicing new routines, or using countdowns to help their child prepare.

Use Visual Supports to Increase Predictability

Many children struggle with abstract concepts like time and change. Encourage parents to use visual schedules, social stories, or checklists to make transitions more predictable and help their child understand what to expect.

Involve the Child in the Planning Process

Giving children some control over transitions can reduce anxiety and increase cooperation. Encourage parents to involve their child in decision-making when appropriate, such as letting them choose a new backpack for school or helping decide which life skills to practice first.

Family-Specific Engagement Notes: (Write strategies for engaging this family, considering their strengths and concerns.)

Reinforce Flexibility and Adaptability

Transitions often bring unexpected challenges. Parents should reinforce their child's ability to adapt by praising small successes when they handle change well, offering incentives for trying new things, and modeling a positive attitude toward transitions.

Validate Emotions Before Problem-Solving

Transitions can bring fear, frustration, or resistance. Teach parents to acknowledge and validate their child's emotions first (e.g., "I know starting a new school feels scary") before offering solutions. Feeling heard makes children more receptive to transition supports.



COMMON OBJECTIONS AND SOLUTIONS

Step 1: Identify Objections (Check or write in objections that apply to the family.)

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Step 2: Write Solutions (Document strategies to address the identified objections.)

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PROGRESS TRACKER

Parent Goals: (Outline specific goals for parents based on the lessons and their needs.)

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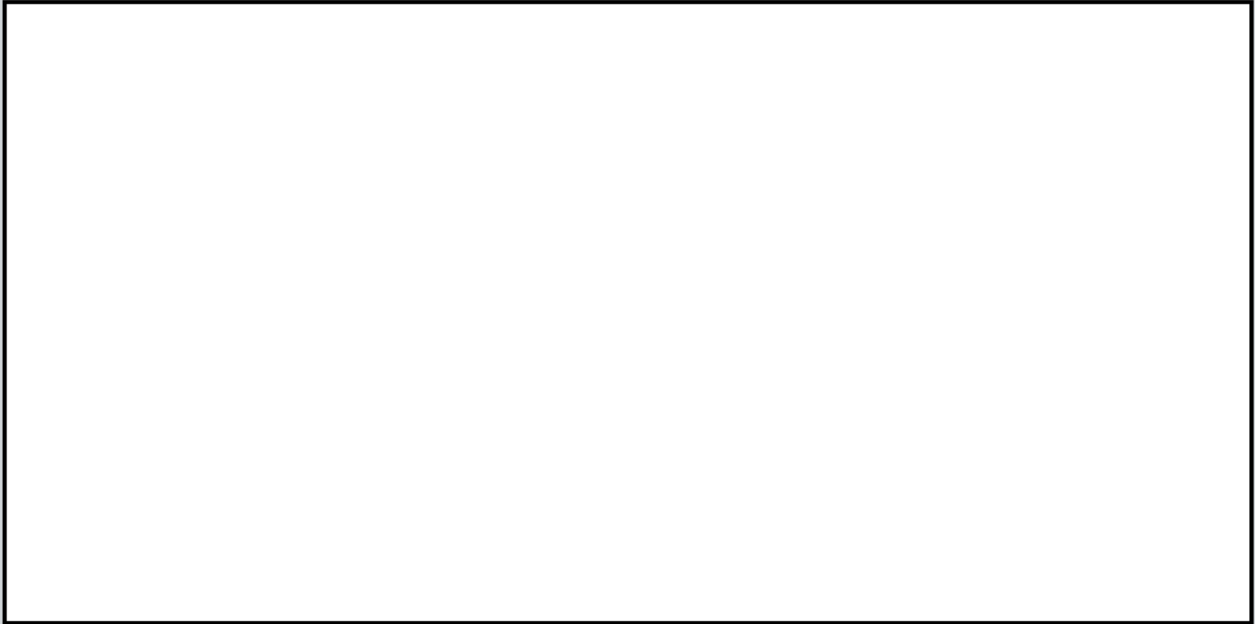
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Weekly Progress Notes:(Record observations and data to track parent engagement and skill implementation.)

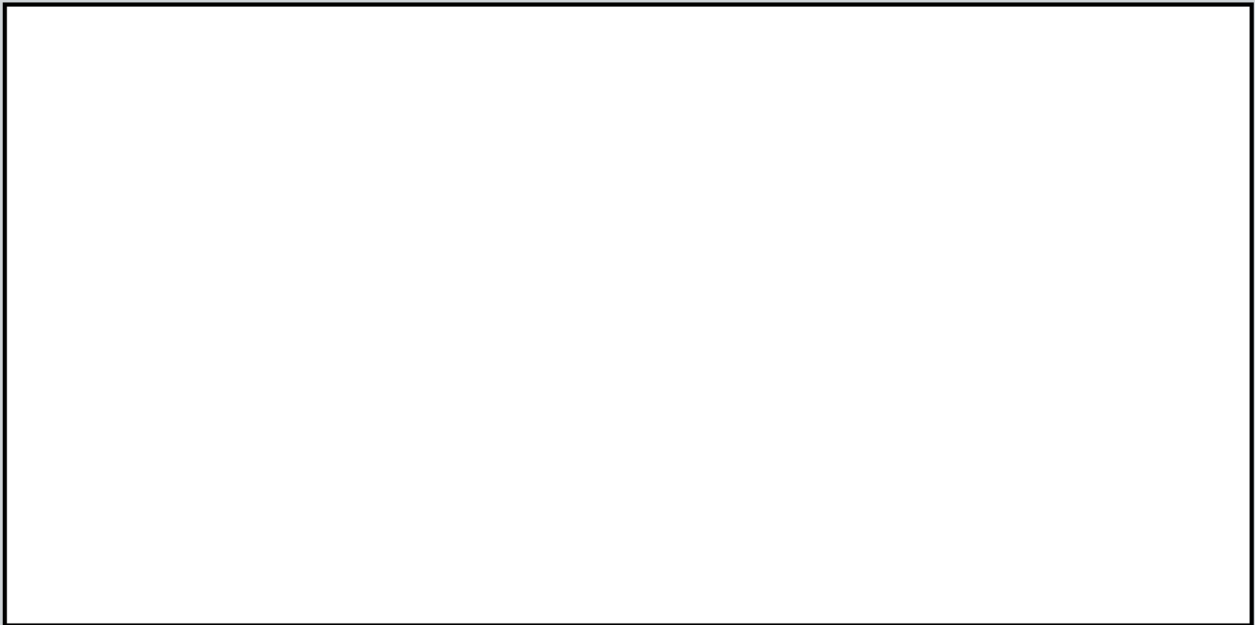
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Week 1			
Week 2			
Week 3			

Reflection Log

What went well this week?

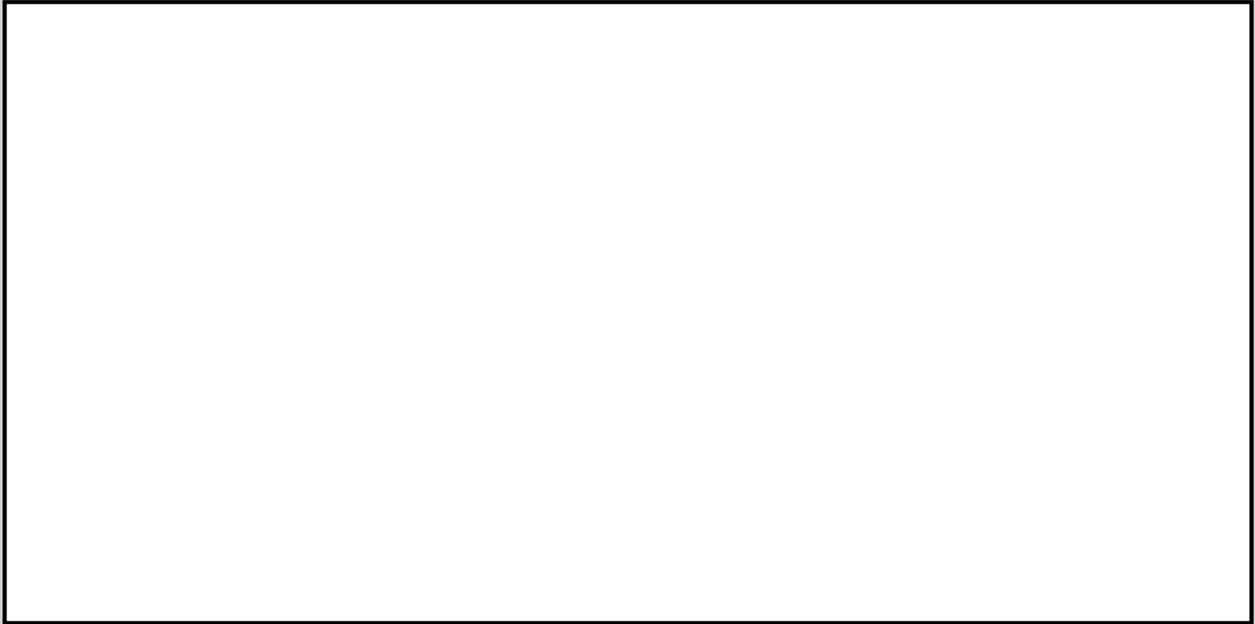
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What challenges did you face?

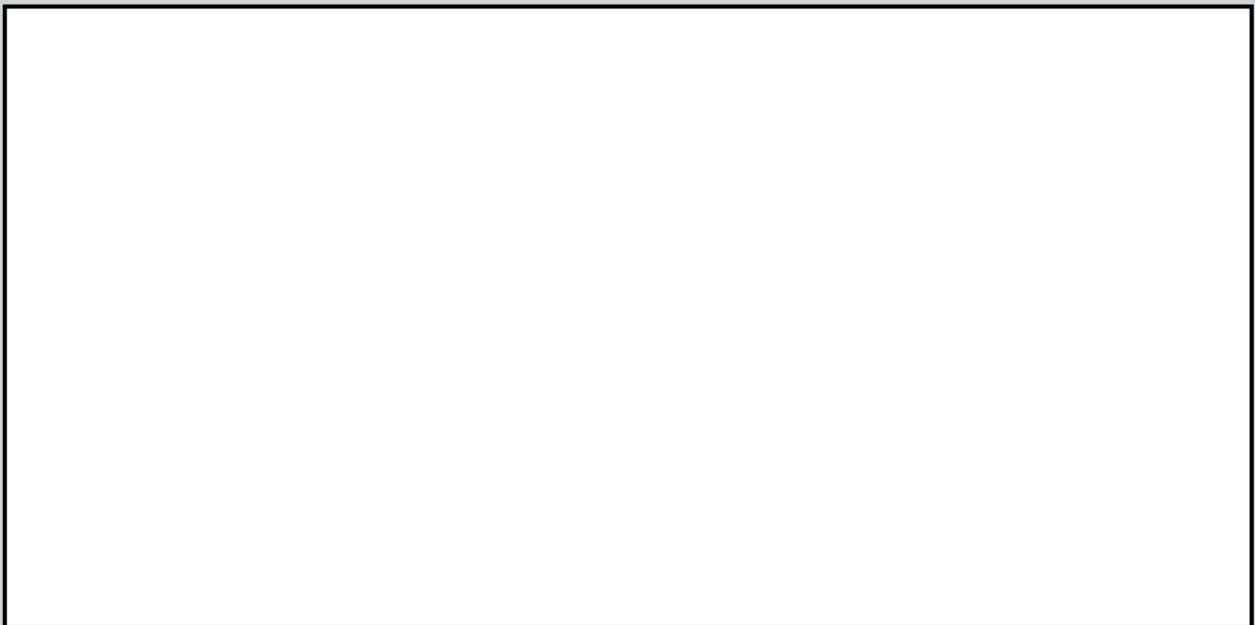
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Reflection Log

What adjustments need to be made?

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Additional Notes

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