



Choosing Modifications: Child Vignettes

PJ

PJ is a 9-month-old boy who was born with several congenital challenges. He has a heart defect, hearing impairment, and facial paralysis. He has difficulty with feeding — it takes a long time for him to take food by mouth, so he is also fed through a feeding tube in his stomach. PJ can sit and play for short periods of time. He is not yet crawling and does not like to spend time on his tummy. He is aware and interested in his environment. He makes vowel-like sounds, but does not yet babble. He does not respond to his name or to sounds.

Hani

Hani is 18 months old. She was born with Down syndrome. She sits, commando crawls, and cruises (side-steps) alongside of furniture, and is not yet walking. Hani babbles and says "mama," waves and claps, and reaches and fusses to get what she wants. She likes to play with many different toys. She bangs toys together and drops things, but does not yet put toys together. Hani likes to be near the other children and watch them play. She can play simple back-and-forth games with adults. She is described as a "good eater." She mostly uses her fingers to feed herself and does not yet use a spoon effectively.

Santino

Santino is almost 3 years old. He has a visual impairment. He wears glasses, but it has been very difficult to get the prescription correct. He also has mild developmental delays in language and cognition. Santino is very active and sometimes gets angry and frustrated when he bumps into things or can't find something he needs. He also likes to run, build, and climb. Santino has difficulty following directions from adults and children, and does not seem to understand the play ideas suggested by the other children. When frustrated, Santino grabs, yells, and rips off his glasses.