



IFSP Situation II: Darrin

Darrin is twelve months old. His family has been enrolled in an Early Head Start Program since his mother was pregnant. Darrin has Down Syndrome.

He enjoys music and “singing.” The Early Head Start home visitor and his mother think that his language development is behind schedule, and they feel the need for some more help to support this development.

Darrin enjoys playing with a variety of toys. He likes to look at books. He still crawls on his stomach on the floor, and he seems to be quite limp. The home visitor thinks he needs some help to keep his gross motor development progressing. His fingers are chubby, and fine motor activities are difficult for him.

Darrin’s IFSP is being reviewed. Until now, his family has received only respite services because his mother did not want anything else.

His mother is seventeen and lives with her parents and her four brothers and sisters. She attends an alternative high school and should graduate next year. She has no contact with Darrin’s father.

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