



AMBASSADOR INSIGHTS



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I had a kiddo who came to me shortly after receiving an Autism diagnosis. Mom was lost and didn't know which way to turn. We helped her understand the diagnosis and the options it brings for services, which she was very grateful for. But what stood out for me the most was the day she heard his first word. He was struggling to get his glasses on, so I repeated the word/sign for help and paused for a few seconds. When Mom heard him fill the pause with a quiet little "help", she had instant tears in her eyes. However, the best part was when I came back a couple of weeks later; she told me all of the things she heard him say after she began to model language in a way that spoke to him. Their world was opened, and he made so much progress in our short time together, all because Mom embraced coaching wholeheartedly.

I have a little girl who started with B3 at 7 months old because she was not sitting up, rolling or taking any weight through her feet. We were seeing her twice a month and she is now sitting up and reaching for toys. She also does not cry every time I come to see her at her home/daycare. At her most recent well child check, the doctor said that if she was not standing, he was recommending outpatient PT 3x/week!!! Mom asked if we could increase services to weekly because Mom knows that this little girl would not make any progress at the clinic because the little girl cries every time she goes to the doctor. Mom and daycare have been diligently following through on activities we do. Now this little girl is getting on her hands and knees, transitioning in and out of sitting and standing up while holding onto the couch for 30+ seconds. Mom sends me photos in between visits, is so happy with all the progress and feels comfortable going to the next well child visit to show all of the incredible progress she is making.

Just a few weeks ago, towards the end of an IFSP review with a unilateral baha band kiddo - mom stated, "You know I was really apprehensive about services, but after being in the program and receiving the support, I see the value now". "WI Sound Beginnings and the Speech Therapist have so much knowledge and recommend strategies I would never have thought of on my own." She thanked our team for the services and really appreciates the parent coaching aspect in services. It was a perfect parent testimonial. :) Angie C



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I had a child who came into the program for speech concerns and traditionally would have been a child seen by a speech therapist. This particular mom requested that I, as the special education teacher, be the primary for the child because she felt a good connection to me (we did have really good rapport right from the start!) and felt comfortable with me. During this child's journey in the program, we did uncover some social concerns that the mom was not aware of until this child was put into a situation of having someone come into their home on a regular basis; or at least the concerns were not as evident before. The mother was a little surprised and didn't know what to make of the child's reactions when I came into the home (she was very standoffish, very clingy to mom, at first would bury herself into mom's lap, and got upset by my presence. This went on for a few months. - she did not have the same rapport with me that mom did). Because of mom's connection with me, and I think the fact that we honored her request for primary, she trusted me when I encouraged her to "trust the process" and take it one visit at a time. Fast forward a year later, the child was age-appropriate across the board, just having some speech sound errors that qualified her for school. We set up her transition too in a way to help her feel comfortable, and she rocked the evaluation with the school; she really let her personality shine through. Throughout her time in the program, the mom often reflected with me and once commented, "My husband always asks what we do during sessions, and I've come to realize it's really about you helping guide me versus you teaching her". She commented that it wasn't what she was expecting at all, but realized that this was so much better and made lifelong changes. This one filled my cup tremendously. ❤️

I recently had a former family text me to thank me for all of the help our program gave to help them help their son talk, but that they didn't realize once he started, he wouldn't stop! It was great to hear the caregivers acknowledge that we helped the family, not just the child, but also that they were joking about how much help (too much, apparently, haha) we gave. 😊