

Scenarios - Writing Functional Outcomes

Steven

Steven is 2 ½ years old and has mild motor delays. He has two older brothers – Sam, who is 5 and Mark, who is 7. The older boys like to play catch and Steven attempts to join in, but he has trouble catching and throwing the ball and is often frustrated. Mrs. Johnson, his mother, is anxious to get Steven some physical therapy to “develop his muscles”.

Functional Outcome #1	
Functional Outcome #2	

Paula

Paula is 18 months old and has been blind since birth. She has just begun to walk and her mother is concerned because Paula is constantly walking into things and falling down. Paula is very attached to the family dog, Pepper and loves music. She often sits next to him when she listens to her favorite songs.

Functional Outcome #1	
Functional Outcome #2	

Jamie

Jamie is almost 3 years old. He has autism and will soon be transitioning from a special program to the pre-K program run by the local school. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs, his parents, would like to see him in an inclusionary setting, perhaps at a child care center for a few hours a day or at a nursery school. The school has purchased slots for children with special needs at a local child care and a nursery school. Jamie has problems when it is time to transition from one activity to another and can become quite agitated, screaming and striking out at others when he is upset. His two favorite activities are playing with the Lego blocks and painting.

Functional Outcome #1	
Functional Outcome #2	

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