

Completing the RT Functional Outcomes on the Evaluation

Section #3: Fine Motor and Gross Motor

4 months old child who experienced pre-natal exposure, intimate partner violence and significantly delayed in these areas:

Martin was observed to be in an extension pattern for most of the evaluation. He resisted being placed in a sitting position on the floor or in a lap. Once placed in a sitting position, he was able to maintain it with support from evaluators. When placed in a position to allow weight bearing through his feet, Martin pushed up on to his toes and bounced. It was reported that he spends a significant amount of time in a jumper seat, as this is a preferred activity for him. He enjoys bouncing and jumping, and will also fall asleep in the jumper occasionally.

Martin demonstrated a preference to turn his head to the left side during the evaluation. He tolerated evaluators turning his head to the right, but quickly returned it to the left. An irregular head shape and some flattening, consistent with a left side preference was also observed. When his head was placed in midline, Martin was able to maintain the position with support. Martin was able to push his head and chest off the floor while on his tummy. He tolerated tummy time for about 3 minutes at a time before becoming upset. It was shared that this is typical for him. He is not yet able to support his head while being pulled to a sitting position. Martin presented with tightly closed fists on both hands during the evaluation. He resisted evaluators attempting to open his fists. However, he was observed to open his hands occasionally during tummy time. He was also observed bringing his hands to his mouth and sucking on his fists during tummy time.

24 month old child who experienced severe neglect but appears to be approaching within normal limits in this area:

Torey is successfully able to move around her environment to get what she wants. She was observed to fall several times while walking down a hallway during the evaluation. Her mother shared that Torey does not typically stumble, trip, or fall. However, recently she has observed that she seems more clumsy than usual. It was speculated that this may be due to a new pair of shoes that may be slightly big or to a growth spurt. Aside from falling several times while walking to the evaluation area, Torey was not observed to be inappropriately clumsy or unbalanced. She got into a chair to sit on her own. She moved between evaluators and around a table with ease. Torey can kneel down to pick something up and balance on one foot momentarily. Torey can access toys and materials in a variety of ways, transferring easily between positions. She demonstrated her developing balance by navigating over small obstacles using minimal support. It was shared that Torey will crawl up and down stairs on her own. She is also able to walk up or down stairs with one hand held.

During this evaluation, Torey was interested in watching what evaluators did with the materials, and made varying attempts to imitate. She used small blocks to stack a small tower before losing interest. Torey demonstrated appropriate control and coordination throughout other activities and it is believed that she could stack a taller tower of blocks, if motivated to do so. She demonstrated a neat pincer grasp to pick up small objects. She was able to turn pages in the evaluation book. Torey colored with a pen, holding it in her fingers and making controlled marks when she wanted to. She demonstrates her ability to isolate her fingers and manipulate

objects willingly as she plays with toys. Torey uses a controlled grasp to reach for food and toys throughout his day.

31 month old child who experienced global delays and is delayed in these areas:

Amanda is cautiously exploring her new home and becoming comfortable navigating her new surroundings. She is walking upright and appears appropriately balanced and stable. It was reported that she is able to move around her home with ease. During the evaluation, she transitioned between positions for play comfortably. She moved in and out of sitting position, squatting, and kneeling. It was shared that she is able to navigate the uneven surface of a bouncy house and enjoys playing with her foster siblings there. She is able to climb to the top of a bouncy house tower as well. Amanda navigates the stairs with some support. It is unclear if she is able to jump with both feet leaving the floor or kick a ball. She was unwilling to try these activities and her new foster parents have not observed them.

Amanda was interested in the activities associated with the fine motor section of the evaluation. She demonstrates persistence and patience as she attempted to stack blocks. She is able to stack a large tower of blocks, demonstrating appropriately developing coordination and control. Amanda enjoyed coloring and scribbling on a paper but did not imitate circular strokes or straight lines during when asked to. When coloring on her own, her markings were somewhat controlled and purposeful. Amanda holds the crayon in a fist grasp. After a demonstration Amanda was able to understand how to string the beads but was not able to be successful on her own. Amanda was able to place the shapes into the correct spots on the puzzle board and was able to solve it in rotation without assistance.

34 month old who likely is experiences Autism, but appears within normal limits in these areas:

Fenster presented within normal limits in gross motor abilities and this appears to be an area of strength for him. He demonstrated a delay in the area of fine motor abilities. However, it is speculated that is a result of minimal interest level and engagement in evaluation activities and not representative of a true developmental delay in this area.

Fenster is using his gross motor skills to effectively access his environment. Fenster was observed to easily walk with his arms swinging and is reported to be able to run throughout his environment, maneuvering around obstacles with moderate falling. Fenster is standing on one foot momentarily and was observed to walk backwards briefly. Fenster was also observed to walk on his tip toes several times in the evaluation.

Per parent report, Fenster is independently walking up the stairs, typically matching his feet on both steps. He occasionally alternates his feet while holding a rail or hand for support. According to his parents, Fenster really enjoys riding his bike and scooter. As previously mentioned, the family enjoys biking together and Fenster will ride independently for long distances.

Fenster is able use his hands and fingers to manipulate smaller objects in an age-appropriate manner; however, he was generally somewhat distracted and did not participate in many of the tasks. Fenster is using a neat pincer grasp to pick up small objects. Fenster was observed to alternate between using his right and left hand today when manipulating objects. He was easily able to put objects into and take objects out of a container when motivated to do so.

Fenster is able to grasp and release with ease. Fenster was able to loosen and twist a cap on a small salt and shaker bottle. He was able to isolate his index finger to touch small parts, such as the wheels, on his toy cars. These observations indicate that Fenster has several age-appropriate fine motor skills and is continuing to develop his strength and dexterity (using small, accurate, and precise movements). Continued development of his fine motor control will aid him in completing more complex tasks such as, writing, drawing, eating, and dressing.