

Nadia Scenario

Disability Suspected Information

Nadia is a 16 year old girl. The summer between her 10th and 11th grade year, she was in a car accident in which she sustained a brain injury. Over the summer she participated in intensive in-patient therapy. She is scheduled to be released from in-patient therapy the middle of August so that she can return to school at the beginning of the year with her classmates. In addition to physical limitations with walking and writing, the hospital staff and Nadia's parents have noticed Nadia is having difficulty with recalling vocabulary and other information. In preparation for Nadia's transition back to the school, the LEA and AEA will be meeting with Nadia, her parents, and a member of the hospital staff to discuss her needs. The AEA staff is prepared to initiate the disability suspected process at that time. (There has been a significant status change due to a health or medical condition, injury.)

Consent for FIE

Because there has been a significant status change in Nadia's health and medical condition as a result of the traumatic brain injury, the team completed the Disability Suspected Form at the start of the meeting and then proceeded to discuss what would be needed as part of a Full & Individual Evaluation. Due to the complex nature of the needs Nadia presented, the team was comprised to include individuals knowledgeable about her current condition as well as her past performance. Medical records and information provided by the parents and hospital staff clearly identified concerns in the areas of **health** and **physical** (both fine and gross motor) and additional information would be needed to determine what instruction, supports, and accommodations Nadia will need in school. Hospital staff and parents also reported many examples of Nadia's difficulty with recalling words and information which could be a result of either **academic** or **communication** concerns. The team determined that both the academic and communication domains would be evaluated and that additional assessment information is needed in both areas to ensure they appropriately identified all of Nadia's needs. In addition, because of Nadia's physical limitations and potential memory problems, the team determined that Nadia's **adaptive behavior** would be evaluated to determine if there were needs related to self-help, independence, and organization.

The team also had a lengthy conversation regarding Nadia's social and emotional **behavior**. The medical staff indicated Nadia's response to the accident was typical, but she was experiencing frustration with her current limitations. All team members anticipated that Nadia may experience additional frustration as she transitions back to school and wanted to ensure they had appropriate supports available to Nadia during this transition to meet her needs. Therefore it was determined that the behavior domain would also be evaluated.

Throughout Nadia's stay in the hospital, her **vision** and **hearing** had been assessed several times, and all evaluations confirmed that Nadia's vision and hearing were within normal limits. No further evaluation of this domain was felt to be necessary.
