

	POOr	Fair	GOOD	VERY GOOD	excellent			
CHILD DEVELOPMENT - Familie	es want to	o know	what oth	er childrer	n their			
child's age do and/or what comes next developmentally								
Quantity and quality of								
information our family has								
about our child's development								
CHILD'S DISABILITY - Families want to know about their child's disability								
The information our family								
has about our child's condition								
Quantity and quality of our								
family's knowledge and								
information about how to								
teach our child								
SETVICES, TESOUTCES AND SUPPORTS - Families want to know where they								
can get help and where learni	ng oppo	rtunities	<mark>: might e</mark>	xist.				
Our family's access to								
healthcare								
The information our family								
has about resources, including								
services								
Our family's access to services								
for our child								
Our family's connections to								
ASD organizations								
Our family's relationships								
with extended family								
Our family's informal support								
networks (e.g., friends and								
neighbours)								
The support available to our								
family to help our child make								
friends								
Our family's participation in								
community events and								
activities, including outings								
WHAT TO DO WITH THE CHILD - This main type of informational support								
gives families knowledge and skills about how to help their child								
Our family's knowledge about								
parenting								

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Our family's knowledge about			
how to help our child			
Our family's knowledge about			
what to do when our child			
engages in difficult behaviour			
Consistency between our			
expectations of our child with			
ASD and his/her sibling(s)			
Age-appropriateness of the			
level of responsibility of our			
children			
OTHER FACTORS:			
Our family's ability to pay for			
things			
Our family's available time to			
spend with our child			
Our family's health			
The communication within our			
family			
Our family's ability to solve			
problems together			
Our family's stress			
management			
Our family's confidence and			
independence in the decisions			
we make for our child			
Our family's attendance to our			
individual needs			
Family members' ability to			
pursue "growth" opportunities			
– e.g. career changes and			
further education			
Level of flexibility and			
spontaneity enjoyed by our			
family			