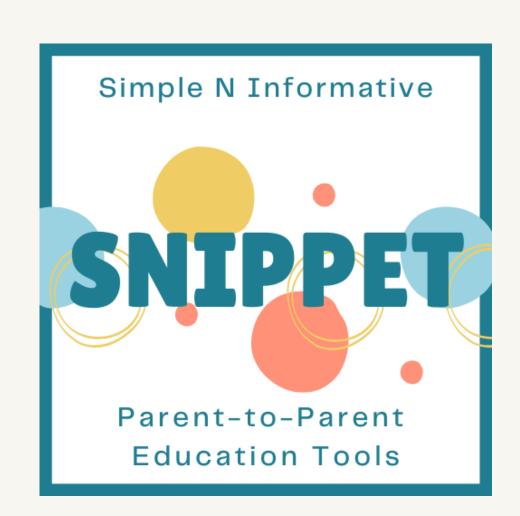
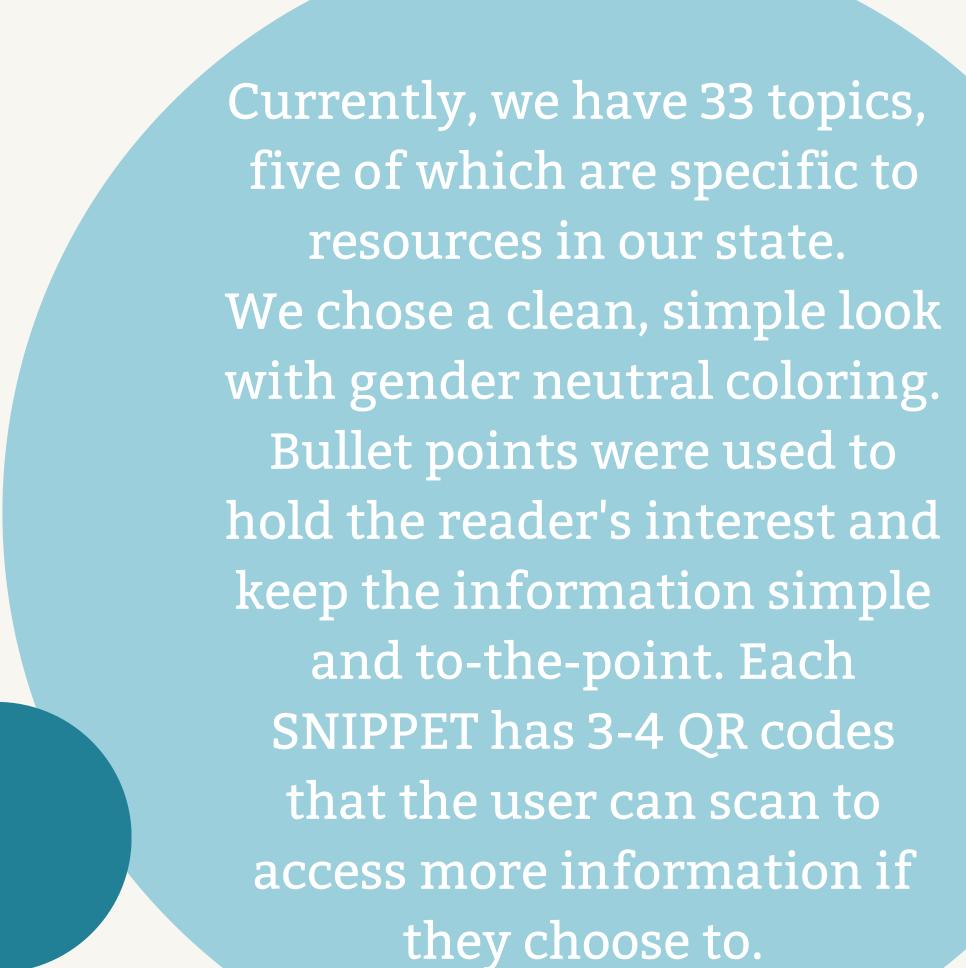
Share a SNIPPET - Simple aNd Informative Parent-to-Parent **Education Tools**



Introduction: After frequently hearing families share their feelings of being overwhelmed, confused, and uncertain, and a sense of a lack of information, we were inspired to create materials to meet the needs of the families we serve. We wanted a simple, easy-to-digest format with an introduction on the topic with a way for families to explore more if they were interested.

Serving families earlier in the journey meant that they were just beginning to process and understand the diagnosis. The idea of creating a simple, one-page handout to address the information and education needed was born after seeing this week after week.





Communicating with your child

Resources:



<u>Language &</u> Communication



More about ASL





What to know about communicating with your baby:

• Early in life, a baby's brain develops very quickly. This time is often called a "window of opportunity" for language learning. Children who are deaf/hard of hearing (d/hh) who get language

support services before six months of age can often learn language

- at the same pace as hearing children. Families need to decide for themselves what is the right
- communication option for their child and family as a whole. Do not feel pressured to make quick decisions regarding how you will communicate with your child and know that your decision now
- does not have to be your family's choice forever. Sometimes families will find a single form of communication works
- best, and other families may use more than one form. American Sign Language (ASL) is a visual language. It is a unique, signed language that is different from English. It is expressed using movements of the hands, body and face.
- Cued Speech helps children hear and "see" speech. Teachers and parents make special hand shapes, or "cues," near their faces while they are speaking. This helps children tell the difference between words that can sound or look alike.
- Listening & Spoken Language (LSL) teaches children to rely on their hearing as they learn to speak. Methods may be called "auditory oral" or "auditory verbal."
- Total Communication combines a sign-language system with spoken language. Children are encouraged to use their eyes, ears, voices, and hands to communicate.
- Here are some tips when communicating with your baby:
- Hold your baby close so they can focus on your face Place your baby so that you are often within sight
- Minimize background noises
- Have good lighting (not too dark or bright)
- · Imitate your baby's sounds and movements and wait for them
- nteract and communicate with your baby throughout the day

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Feedback from our Quality Improvement workgroup:

Easy to digest

Example

of a

SNIPPET

- Felt like a party invitation
- Learned something new
- Comforting
- QR links were helpful

Before support, families reported feeling:

- Confused
- Uncertain
- Overwhelmed
- Underinformed

Languages available:

- English
- Arabic
- Chinese
- French
- German
- Korean
- Polish
- Russian
- Spanish
- Tagalog
- Vietnamese

In conclusion, SNIPPETS are a simple way for parents to access additional information on specific topics. They can time and within their own space. They also provide relief to the "primary" caregiver as they don't have to reiterate all the details learned - they can simply just share the SNIPPET!

Simple

SNIPPETS are:

- Concise
- Easy to read
- Shareable
- Educational
- Information at your fingertips

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