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Giving Name Signs

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A name sign is more than a sign—it represents connection, identity, and belonging within the Deaf community. This handout introduces families to the process of receiving name signs and the importance of respecting Deaf culture and traditions.

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The Meaning Behind Name Signs

Use secure, reliable platforms that support clear visual communication for ASL and spoken language. Ensure families can easily access and participate in sessions, and regularly review technology to maintain accessibility and equity.

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Respecting the Tradition of Name Signs

Tele-visits focus on coaching caregivers through observation, modeling, and responsive feedback within everyday routines. Providers adapt their coaching to the virtual environment using intentional communication and flexible interaction strategies.

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How Name Signs Support Connection

Introduce your child early to encourage inclusion. Share your child's name sign in the deaf community. Name signs help others connect with your child.

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The Etiquette of Receiving a Name Sign

End each session with simple, routine-based strategies families can use between visits. Reinforce learning with accessible resources and revisit strategies to celebrate progress and adjust support as needed.