



July 24, 2024

Re: Kaleb Xiong

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of Kaleb Xiong, a child I work with for Speech-Language services. I have worked with Kaleb directly since February 8, 2024.

Kaleb presents with total blindness due to an underlying congenital condition. Additionally, Kaleb has a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Kaleb's ASD makes it difficult for him to access his environment as a typical 4-year-old would. He demonstrates inability to care for himself, orient to activities, and demonstrates the need for full-time supervision.

Kaleb seeks physical experiences that provide a high level of sensory input. These activities may include jumping, spinning, swinging, and physical tensing of muscles. Kaleb does not show regard to his relative closeness to other children, walls, furniture, etc. while engaging in sensory seeking behaviors. Because he is not aware of proximity during these activities, they are often dangerous if not directly supervised. A typical 4-year-old without ASD would not engage in these activities without awareness of his proximity to other children, walls, furniture, etc.

Kaleb frequently uses echolalia. His echolalia serves multiple purposes. He often uses delayed echolalia that holds some functional meaning to the activity. He also uses immediate echolalia, for which it is difficult to determine the function. When Kaleb responds with immediate echolalia, it is difficult for the communication partner to determine whether or not Kaleb comprehended their question/statement. A typical 4-year-old without ASD is able to communicate in reciprocal conversation.

I strongly support this family's request for services that will support their ability to care for Kaleb in their home. Please reach out if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katie Adams, MS, CCC-SLP".

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