

Explore: Adapting the Environment

There are often easy fixes adults can make to the environment that help children be more successful. As you watch these videos, complete the Child Observation Matrix. Then, summarize the information and brainstorm strategies you can use.

Child Observation Matrix

Successful Areas/Times	Likes	Strategies We Can Use
<p><i>Discovery Center</i></p> <p><i>Snack</i></p>	<p><i>One-on-one attention from adults, painting, exploring items in cabinets. She expresses herself well and likes to communicate what she wants or needs.</i></p> <p><i>Being independent. Positive attention from peers.</i></p>	<p><i>Positive attention from adults and peers.</i></p> <p><i>Choice-making</i></p>
Problem Areas/Times	Dislikes	Biggest Needs
<p><i>Outdoor play</i></p>	<p><i>Not being able to do something her peers are doing. Being told, "No." Feeling different or younger than the other children.</i></p>	<p><i>Appropriate ways to communicate when she needs help.</i></p> <p><i>Adaptations that allow her to participate with peers.</i></p> <p><i>System to communicate her choices.</i></p>