

OT TRIAGE DECISION TOOL

i Use this to decide what to address first when everything feels important.

1 Immediate Priorities

(Check all that apply)

- Safety risk
 Student cannot remain in learning environment
 Severe dysregulation
 Staff unable to manage situation

2 What Type of Problem is This?

(Pick one main problem that is having the biggest impact RIGHT NOW.)

- Environment problem
 Regulation problem
 Task demand problem
 Communication problem
 Skill deficit problem: _____

Other/Note: _____

3 Can This Problem Be Solved Without Direct OT First?

(Start with the least intensive support that will work.)

- Yes → classroom supports/Tier 1-2

- No → needs direct intervention now

4 Choose Only 2 Priorities

(Choose the two that will make the biggest impact RIGHT NOW.)



Staying in classroom



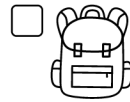
Reduce unsafe behavior



Transitions



Completing part of a task



Accessing materials



Communication

Other/Note: _____

5 What is the First Change?

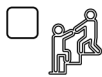
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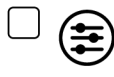
Adjust environment



Reduce task demand



Add adult support



Modify expectations



Add structure



Teach strategy



Co-Regulation

Other/Note: _____