

TAKE A LOOK AT ME™

Building on the Strengths, Hopes and Dreams of Families

Take A Look At Me™ is a strengths-based child portfolio process that involves family members in creating a written, visual Portfolio highlighting a child's unique interests, preferences and play skills. The Portfolio process is meant to engage families as active participants in conversation and observation of their child in order to identify, capture, and understand his/her strengths and interests. The Portfolio then becomes a means to promote a positive view of the child, helping care providers and educators to feel comfortable and confident in building on the family's perspective of what the child "can do" as opposed to the child's weaknesses. This in turn leads to positive experiences and interactions between the child, his/her family, and the community as a whole. In this way the Portfolio helps to set the stage for a lifetime of participation and inclusion within our homes, schools, and communities.

Highlights of the portfolio process:

- Actively involves individuals, family members, and care providers
- Promotes a positive view of the child
- Builds on what a child "can do" and "enjoys doing"
- Identifies natural learning opportunities
- Builds supports based on strengths, hopes, and dreams
- Allows for families from a wide range of cultures to share their child's strengths, hopes, and dreams with others in the community
- Provides valuable input to the Individualized Family Service Plan
- Assists in helping family members and providers develop outcomes that are based on child participation and engagement.

Come and join us as we discover how to implement the portfolio process within early intervention in order to enhance family partnerships and build supports based on the strengths, hopes and dreams of the family!

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Thursday, March 23, 2006 Session A: 8:30am - 11:30am

Thursday, March 23, 2006 Session B: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Friday, March 24, 2006 Session C: 8:30am - 11:30am

Place: Kent Transition Center - Multipurpose Room

Presenter: Mary Rugg, M.Ed., Early Intervention Project Director, University of Georgia

Audience: Service providers, home visitors, early interventionists and care-givers

Cost: Free

All participants will receive a portfolio as part of the workshop. Additional copies will be available.