

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE-GHANA

# COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS AND TEACHERS (OT EVALUATION)

BY

ANN SENA FORDIE (OTR/L, MPH)

PRISCILLA AFRIYIE ABBAN (IBA CANDIDATE)



# Overview

- ▶ • **Outline the importance of parent involvement in the assessment process**
- ▶ • **Discuss strategies for effective communication before, during, and after assessments**
- ▶ • **Highlight the benefits of collaboration between therapists and parents**





# Pre assessment communication

- Effective communication before the assessment helps set clear expectations and address any concerns or questions parents may have.
- Therapists should provide detailed information about the assessment process, including what to expect, how to prepare the child, and any necessary paperwork or documentation.
- Scheduling appointments at convenient times and ensuring accessibility for parents with busy schedules enhances engagement and cooperation.

# IMPORTANCE OF PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- Parents are essential partners in the therapy process as they possess valuable insights into their child's daily routines, behaviors, and challenges.
- Their input helps therapists gain a comprehensive understanding of the child's needs and tailor assessments accordingly.
- Involving parents fosters a sense of ownership and empowerment, as they become active participants in their child's therapy journey.



# COMMUNICATION DURING ASSESSMENT

- Clear and open communication during the assessment is crucial for ensuring parents feel informed and involved in the process.
- Therapists should actively involve parents in observations, explaining the purpose of each task and providing opportunities for them to ask questions or share observations.
- Acknowledging parents' input and concerns in real-time helps build trust and demonstrates a collaborative approach to assessment.



# COMMUNICATION AFTER ASSESSMENT

- After completing the assessment, therapists should promptly share the results, recommendations, and next steps with parents in a clear and understandable manner.
- Providing a detailed explanation of assessment findings, including strengths and areas for improvement, helps parents make informed decisions about therapy goals and interventions.
- Ongoing communication following the assessment is essential for monitoring progress, adjusting goals as needed, and addressing any new concerns that may arise.



# BUILDING TRUST AND COLLABORATION



## POSITIVE THERAPEUTIC RELATIONSHIPS

- Building trust and rapport with parents is essential for fostering a positive therapeutic relationship.



## MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING

- Effective communication techniques such as active listening, empathy, and transparency help establish mutual respect and understanding.

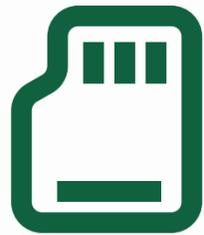


## SHARED DECISION MAKING

- Collaborating with parents as equal partners in the therapy process reinforces their role as advocates for their child and promotes shared decision-making.

# Resources for parents

It is imperative that we share resources that will support clients and caregivers in this journey.



## Objective 01

- Providing parents with resources such as websites, support groups, and recommended readings empowers them to further educate themselves and seek additional support as needed.



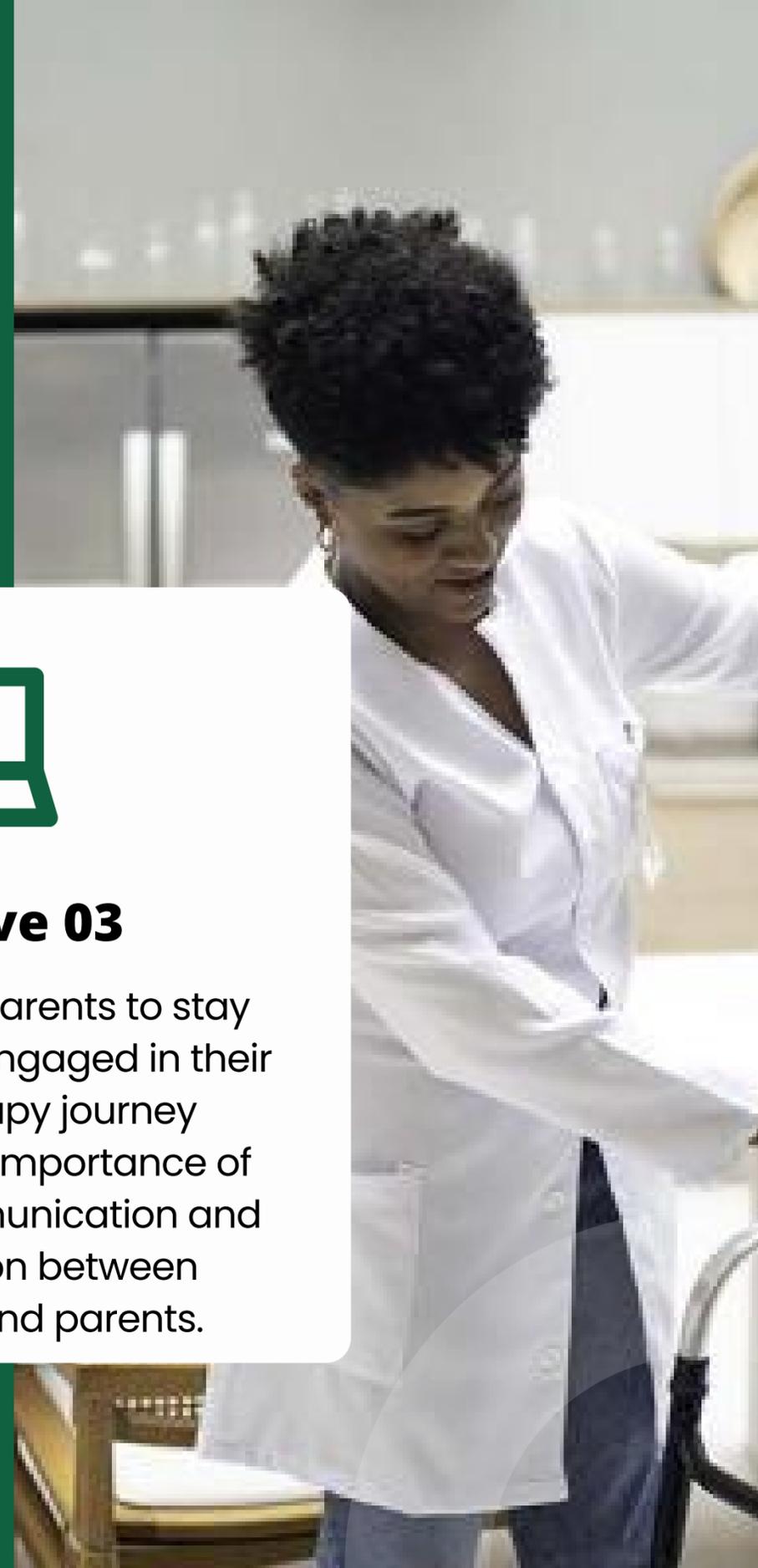
## Objective 02

- Access to relevant resources enhances parents' understanding of their child's condition and therapy options, enabling them to make informed decisions and advocate effectively.



## Objective 03

- Encouraging parents to stay informed and engaged in their child's therapy journey reinforces the importance of ongoing communication and collaboration between therapists and parents.



# CONCLUSION

Communication before, during and after assessment is a great determinant for whether parents will continue seeking the therapy services or not.

# THANK YOU!

