

Questions to Promote Family-School Collaboration

We strongly recommend that you integrate into your assessment questions that can assess the youth's educational functioning and the relationship between family and school through discussions with the family and school personnel.

Some of the following questions would be assessed:

1. What grade is the youth in? Is it appropriate?
2. What type of school placement: special education, home schooling, residential treatment, private, or public?
3. What is the youth's academic history, including successes or problems including retention, suspension, expulsion or truancy?
4. Are there any learning disabilities? Describe any evaluations.
5. Does the youth receive tutoring?
6. Does the youth receive appropriate special services?
7. Does the youth have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or a 504 Behavioral Intervention Plan and is it being followed?
8. Is the youth's achievement commensurate with abilities?
9. What is the impact of the youth's emotional or behavioral problems on school performance?
10. Is the learning environment at school supportive or unsupportive to the youth's needs?
11. What is the relationship between the parents, school, and the youth?