

MealSense Communication Checklist

This checklist is a tool that can be used as a self-assessment after mealtime. It may highlight current strengths in your mealtime communication as well as areas to work on. Complete the checklist for 2 meals and see page 2 for next steps.

MEAL #1:	YES	NO	SOMETIMES	EXAMPLES
<i>I set mealtime goals my child could achieve.</i>				
<i>I included my child's strengths and interests.</i>				
<i>I made changes to my behavior in response to my child's cues.</i>				
<i>I made small changes to help my child become more flexible.</i>				
<i>I provided positive reinforcement.</i>				
<i>I modeled the behaviors I wanted to see.</i>				

MEAL #2	YES	NO	SOMETIMES	EXAMPLES
<i>I set mealtime goals my child could achieve.</i>				
<i>I included my child's strengths and interests.</i>				
<i>I made changes to my behavior in response to my child's cues.</i>				
<i>I made small changes to help my child become more flexible.</i>				
<i>I provided positive reinforcement.</i>				
<i>I modeled the behaviors I wanted to see.</i>				

After completing the checklist for two meals, highlight items marked “no” or “sometimes”. Review with your occupational therapist and develop a list of action steps to address these areas at home. Complete the checklist for two meals to measure progress after 1-2 weeks.

<i>MEAL #3</i>	<i>YES</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>SOMETIMES</i>	<i>EXAMPLES</i>
<i>I set mealtime goals my child could achieve.</i>				
<i>I included my child’s strengths and interests.</i>				
<i>I made changes to my behavior in response to my child’s cues.</i>				
<i>I made small changes to help my child become more flexible.</i>				
<i>I provided positive reinforcement.</i>				
<i>I modeled the behaviors I wanted to see.</i>				

<i>MEAL #4</i>	<i>YES</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>SOMETIMES</i>	<i>EXAMPLES</i>
<i>I set mealtime goals my child could achieve.</i>				
<i>I included my child’s strengths and interests.</i>				
<i>I made changes to my behavior in response to my child’s cues.</i>				
<i>I made small changes to help my child become more flexible.</i>				
<i>I provided positive reinforcement.</i>				
<i>I modeled the behaviors I wanted to see.</i>				