# Guiding Questions for Learning about the Child

Information may be gathered from multiple sources such as available reports, conversations with caregivers/family members, observations, and consultation with service providers and relevant professionals who are familiar with the child.

## **Key Points**

- 1. What are the child's strengths, likes, and dislikes?
- 2. In what situations does this child seem to be the most attentive and responsive?
- 3. What are this child's primary learning needs?
- 4. What services are currently provided to the child and family?
- 5. What are the family's main concerns and priorities related to their child's development?

#### Vision

- 1. How does the child use his/her vision? How much time does the child need to respond to a visual stimulus? What does he or she like to look at? What does he/she seem to recognize visually?
- 2. When was the child's last vision test? Who did this evaluation?
- 3. If this child has a visual impairment, what is the type and degree of vision loss?
- 4. If this child wears corrective lenses, who is the child's optometrist or ophthalmologist?
- 5. Is this child receiving services from a teacher certified in the area of visual impairment?
- 6. Are there any concerns about the child's vision use?

### Hearing

- 1. How does this child use his/her hearing? How much time does he/she need to respond to sound? What does he/she like to listen to? What sounds does he/she seem to recognize? What words does he/she seem to understand?
- 2. When was the child's last audiological test? Who did this evaluation?
- 3. If this child has a hearing loss, what is the type and degree of the hearing loss?
- 4. If this child wears hearing aids, who is the audiologist?
- 5. Is this child receiving services from a teacher certified in the deaf and hard of hearing specialization?
- 6. Are there any concerns about the child's use of hearing?

### Motor

- 1. How does this child grasp, hold, or handle toys and objects?
- 2. Is he/she sitting, standing, or walking without help?
- 3. If this child has a physical disability, what is the diagnosis?
- 4. Is this child receiving services from a physical or occupational therapist?
- 5. Are there any concerns about the child's motor development?

#### Health

- 1. How would you describe the child's health?
- 2. If the child has health or medical problems, what are they?
- 3. If the child takes medication, what is it? What is it for? Are there any side effects?
- 4. Are there any concerns about the child's health or medical needs?

# Other