Communication in Context

The goal of this activity is to observe behavior in a natural setting. Take your client to a social setting. For example, go get coffee or have lunch in a restaurant. While you are out, pay close attention to the way in which the individual interacts with his/her environment. You may use the following sheet or the target skill checklist to help organize your thinking.

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Outing\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Activity\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Describe the individual's communication as they:

Communicate with a member of the staff (ex. Order food):

Communicate personal preferences (likes and dislikes):

Engage in small talk:

Ask questions to further a conversation:

Is the individual comfortable in this setting? How is this communicated?

Does the individual have a strong concept of cost and money?

How is the individual communicating his/her needs in this setting?

Other Notes:

Out on the Town Reflection Sheet

We went to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

That made me feel:



I felt that way because... \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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One thing that I liked about the trip was…

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One thing I didn’t like about the trip was…

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