



# Just The Facts

## About Secondary Supports

Secondary Service Provider (SSP) supports involve team members collaborating with the Primary Service Provider (PSP) to strengthen a child's development within daily routines. This approach provides access to specialized expertise while keeping services family-centered and focused on everyday participation. Decisions are guided by the child's and family's needs rather than by discipline or diagnosis.



### When Are Secondary Supports Used?

- When the PSP identifies a need for additional expertise
- During team meetings or as needed for case consultation
- For occasional joint visits to support specific strategies or interventions

### Why Are Secondary Supports Important?

- Provide coordinated services that prevent gaps, duplication, or fragmented care
- Build the PSP's capacity to support multiple developmental domains
- Strengthen family relationships by maintaining a single point of contact (the PSP)

### How Are Secondary Supports Implemented?

- Through ongoing team collaboration (e.g., coaching calls, team huddles)
- Via direct consultation from the SSP to the PSP
- Through joint visits to model or reinforce strategies

### TIP

Always use the Joint Planning Tool when implementing secondary supports. It ensures clear communication, defines team roles, and aligns efforts toward shared, family-centered goals.



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