



# 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.

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### 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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