

One family's sample MAPS agenda

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- Introduce themselves (perhaps have some kind of introductory question)
- Favorite things about Ben
- What are the things that must be challenging for Ben
- How do they play with Ben that is the same as other friends?
- How do they play with Ben that is different from other friends?
- What makes it easy/challenging when playing with Ben?
- What are "wishes" for Ben? - What are pros/cons of having the kids wish BIG things (i.e.: I wish he could walk) versus more "realistic" things - (i.e.: I wish he could go swimming with my friends)
- Have kids generate specific ideas about how to better include Ben in fun activities
- This could include a specific activity (lemonade stand)
- This could include some kind of schedule - I will play with him every Wednesday after school
- One time activities versus longer term activities
- Fun time with Ben during the actual meeting
- Plan for next steps