



## Casey's Circle

*Strengthening Circles – Improving Quality of Life*

### **Casey's Circle Interview Questions:**

What is your name?

What is your child's name?

How old is he/she?

Do you have any other children?

If yes, are they older/younger?

Does your child have a diagnosis?

#### **(if YES)**

When did you find out that your child was going to have special needs?

If you could go back to that time, what is the one thing you wish you would have known, or that someone could have told you?

Can you tell us more about getting diagnosed, what was that moment like as a parent?

If you had to explain your child's diagnosis to a group of middle schoolers, what would you say? Basically, describe the diagnosis so anyone at home could understand.

#### **(if NO)**

I am sure you have seen a lot of specialists to try and find answers. Can you tell us about your journey for a diagnosis, who all you have seen, what types of tests have been done, etc?

Maybe someone watching this video has answers that could help. Could you tell us about your child's symptoms?

If someone at home is watching and also struggling to get answers, what advice do you have for them?

#### **(ALL)**

Can you walk me through a typical day for your child?

What is your biggest challenge today?

Do you see other challenges in your child's future? If so, which ones do you see as being your biggest?

How do you overcome or deal with these challenges?

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Can you share a story or memory where someone in the medical field (a nurse, doctor, therapist, etc) went above and beyond to help your child?

Is there one thing that the medical providers could do (or not do) that would make your life easier?

Could you tell us about your support system and what, if anything, they do to help you and your family?

Is your child in school? If yes, what does that look like for your child?

If not yet, what are some of your thoughts about when he/she does start school?

If your child has aged out of school, can you tell us about that transition as well as the transition from pediatric to adult services?

What are some local organizations that you have found helpful or would recommend to other special needs families?

Medicine advances every day and there are new treatments and research being done all the time. Are you aware of any recent advances that have helped your child, or other children like yours?

If able, can we do a video tour of your home to show us some of the things in place to help in the day-to-day needs of your child?

**(if we are there, maybe take the video cam around the house, if done over web conf. see if the parent is able to be mobile)**

If able, can we meet your child?

(if the child can speak, have them say hello, if non verbal but able to interact, have them say hello in their own way and have mom/dad talk about how they communicate with the child, if none of the above, just show the child, share a pic, or say hello and span to the child in the video)

Before we finish, is there anything else you would like people to know?