

## **Breakout Session Scenarios**

### **Room #1**

Two year old Johnny's teacher notices he doesn't make eye contact while he is playing blocks. Johnny seemed very engaged with the toys, stacking them repeatedly. When she called his name he did not look at her. He continued to play with the blocks but became upset when play time was over although he had been given a 5 minute warning. A couple of weeks ago, her co-worker observed Johnny not making eye contact during meal time. When she attempted a conversation with him, calling him by name, he seemed to look right through her.

### **Room #2**

While playing on the playground three year old Samantha's teacher noticed her spinning excessively, around and around on the tire swing. During the 30 minute outdoor time Samantha never played in a different area. Her teacher attempted to entice her to play on the slide with other children but to no avail. Later during freeplay, Samantha was observed spinning one of the wheels on a toy. She seemed to be staring at the wheel. Samantha never interacted with any other children, played with a different toy or in another area. This is not the first time Samantha's teacher has noticed similar behavior.

### **Room #3**

Ms. Mona, Micheal's teacher, loves to play music during free time. She noticed that whenever she plays music, four year old Micheal covers his ears and jumps up and down. Sometimes when the children are singing songs during circle time, Micheal makes competing noises until they stop singing. One day, Ms. Mona invited a friend to share her music with the class. She brought her guitar and invited the children to sing some of the student's favorite songs. Michael had a meltdown.

### **Room #4**

Ms. Rosie's favorite OST (Out of School Time) student, Jeremy is obsessed with dinosaurs. He brings dinosaurs to childcare everyday. His mother shared that Jeremy has a large collection of dinosaurs at home. The only books he reads in the library area are dinosaur books. He interrupts his teacher during circle time when she is leading the class in a song requesting, "Can we sing The Dinosaur Song?." One day Jeremy's teacher read Jane Yolen's "How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight" right before naptime.

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This prompted Jeremy to ask his teacher a string of questions around dinosaurs. Jeremy struggles to connect with anyone about anything other than dinosaurs.

### **Expected Action:**

- Read scenario for your room #
- Determine if there is a Red flag of concern and if so what the concern is.
- Discuss ways to relay this information to the child's family.

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