

Chapter 9

Objectives



- Summarize specific characteristics of alternative assessment approaches
- Provide the rationale for using a transdisciplinary framework to implement alternative assessment approaches
- Give examples of models and methods that incorporate a transdisciplinary framework
- Identify potential barriers to implementation of a transdisciplinary framework
- Identify advantages and limitations of a transdisciplinary framework
- Provide guidelines for implementing a transdisciplinary framework

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Rationale for Using a Transdisciplinary Framework



- Using a transdisciplinary framework obtains a holistic and representative picture of children's abilities and needs.
- Using a transdisciplinary framework ensures that caregivers and practitioners work collaboratively and reach all decisions by consensus.
- Using a transdisciplinary approach allows collaboration and coordination among caregivers, teachers, and other professionals; information is shared with everyone involved.

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Advantages and Limitations of a Transdisciplinary Framework



Advantages

- Family empowerment
- Coherence of the assessment plan
- Holistic assessment of a child
- Communication and collaboration

Limitations

- Policy constraints
- Information exchange difficulties
- Reduced efficiency