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Utilizing Family Talents to Promote Self-Advocacy for Family Members with a Disability

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Abstract

In this poster presentation I will present a project I completed with my family to make an inclusive environment for my daughter. Together we completed interviews, adapted books and calendars, read literary text about kids with disabilities, and discussed what least restrictive environment means and what it looks like. Through this presentation I will share how family members each have a unique trait and unique talents which can be utilized to support each other in leadership, self-advocacy, and improve quality of life. I will then share a literature review on the research to better support families when creating an inclusive family dynamic, improve quality of life for everyone, and support our family members to become self-advocates.