

Mobility for Life: Improving the outcomes

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The Challenge

- NSF for children 2003
 - government radar screen
 - life blood of the nation/vital for the future
 - Life of the child, journey not just the disease
 - child interfacing with health, social services, education & environment
 - tell people about the issues
 - Kennedy report
 - Disabled child - EWG experience 1 year
 - Out of bunkers and silos!

Statutory Services

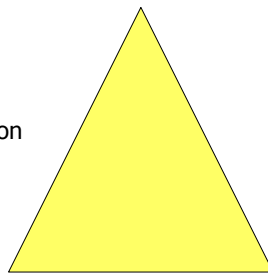
What are the problems?

- Evidence
- Wheelchair service specification
- Education
- Wales
- Bunkers and Partnerships

Theories of Development

Psychological

- Piaget
- Gibson & Gibson
- Erikson

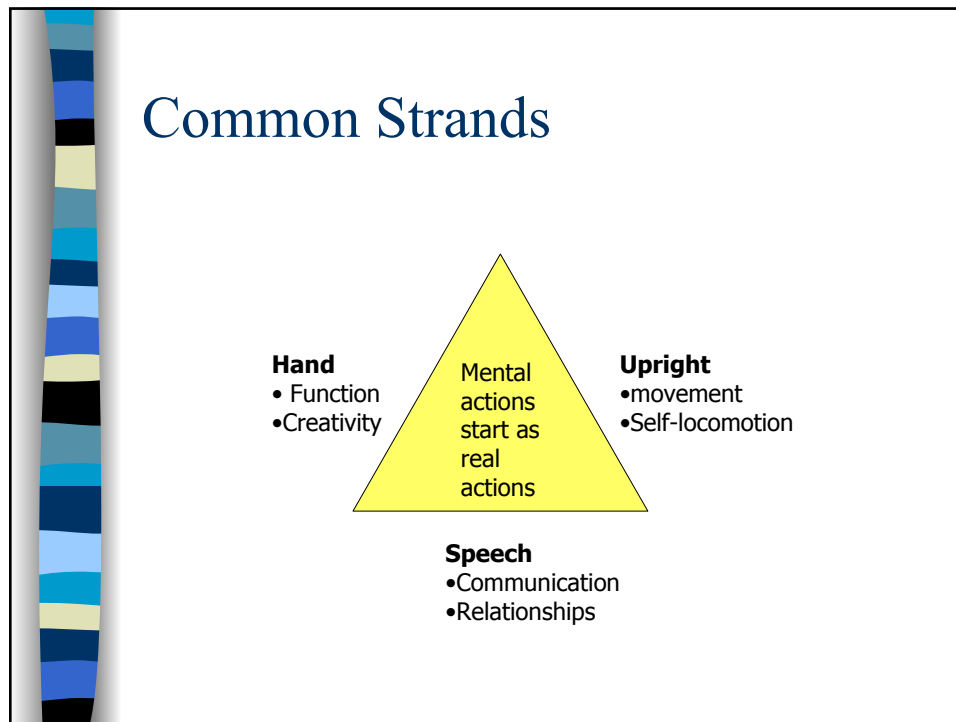


Sociocultural


- Skinner
- Sears
- Bandura
- Vygotskii
- Feuerstein
- Maslow
- Bronfenbrenner

Biological / physical

- Gesell
- Thelen




- ## Practice today
- Age discrimination ie EPIOC, Vouchers, £
 - Child development / Learning / Attitudes
 - Joined up working
 - Waiting time
 - Prognosis
 - Budget
 - Education department
 - New Technologies - relative costs
 - Partnerships




How can we improve the outcome?

- Planning for the future
- Framework for assessment
- Prescription for 'journey'
- Partnerships
- Planned reviews
- Evidence of needs for commissioners




Planning for the Future

- Children are different to adults: 7 stages
- Key stages of development
- Times of likely environmental changes
- Predict timing of needs & costs



Framework for Assessment

- Children First
- Child centred
- Rooted in child development
- Ecological in approach
- Ensure equality of opportunity
- Working with child and family
- Build on strengths, as well as identifying weaknesses
- Inter-agency assessment & provision
- Continuous, not a single event
- Carried out in parallel with other services
- Grounded in evidence based practise



Prescription for Journey

- Identify holistic needs
- Knowledge of market
 - NHS
 - Private
- Discuss pros/cons of options
- Decide with user and family priorities
- Identify best option




Partnerships

- Can Do attitude
- Know legislation, guidelines
- Establish protocols for joint funding with other statutory services
- Service arrangements for vouchers for upgrading to allow choice
- Help families seek alternative funding



Planned reviews

- Children grow
- Many children have complex, changing conditions
- Timely, maintain maximum use, meet needs



Evidence of needs for Commissioners

- Money may be available from NSF & Modernisation Agency
- Evidence
- Support change of practise
- Level of unmet need
- Predicted need for next 5 years
- Budget
- Identify objectives for NHS