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The SLP Role in Concussion Management in Schools

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Attendance



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Common Communication Issues



Executive Functioning

Expressive Language

Receptive Language

Social Communication

Motor Speech

Other Communication Issues

Aphasia - Difficulty understanding and producing correct speech, challenges with wordfinding

Literacy Skills

Written Communication

Cognitive Function – beyond executive functioning, this can include orientation, spatial awareness, problem-solving, and reasoning

Feeding/Swallowing



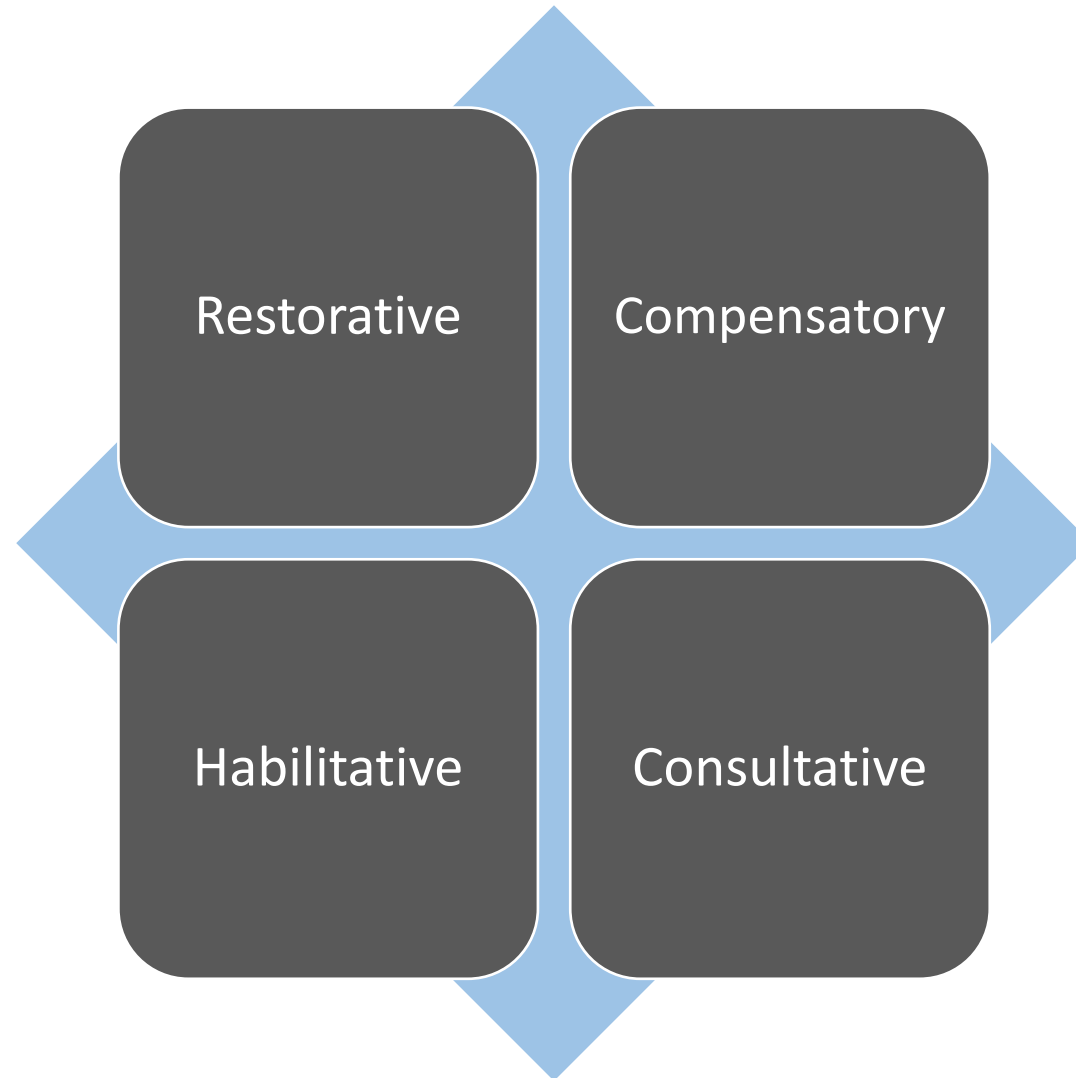
Family Communication



Family can play a vital role in the success of a student with a brain injury.



Treatment Approaches



Consultation and Monitoring



PREVENTION



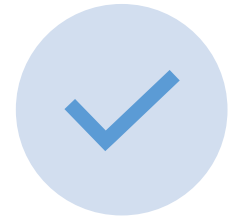
SCREENING



ADVOCACY



MONITORING



EVALUATION

Compensatory Strategies



1. Visuals and movement
2. Processing time
3. Cognitive breaks
4. Supports for disinhibition/impulsivity
5. Transition supports
6. Organizational tools: planners, timers, etc

Habilitative Strategies



1. If.....Then
2. Stop and Read the Room
3. Get Ready...Do....Done
4. Managing Time Robbers

[Cognitive Connections Therapy Website](#)

Scale it up for Secondary



1. If.....Then becomes “cause and effect”
2. STOP and Read the Room becomes “situational awareness”
3. Get Ready...Do....Done becomes planners and checklists
4. Managing Time Robbers becomes alarms and timers

Questions?