

My Child Journal #2- Scenario 4

Instructions: Below, you'll find a scenario related to your child's development. Something unusual may have happened which has had an impact on your child's development or it may be that your child is developing typically and that's great! For this assignment, please write 1 ½ - 3 pages (12 point font, double spaced, 1 inch margins) about your child's development. Make sure to cover the areas of physical, cognitive, and socioemotional development. Your scenario may impact certain areas of development more than others, but it is still important to write about ALL areas of development, even if it isn't specifically in relation to the scenario you've been given. To receive full credit, your assignment should also bring in and expand on other topics covered in class. For instance, if your scenario was that you were a single parent, you might talk about resilience and why/how your child is demonstrating resilience (e.g., they have a grandparent around or they're a member of a supportive youth group at church).

Tips: Be creative in your responses! You may talk about your family seeking outside resources, such as counseling or government assistance because of your situation. You may reference things that occurred during your pregnancy which have led to what is happening now. You may write about how you experienced this change in your child's development as a parent and/or how it has impacted the child in various settings (e.g., at home, on the playground, at school). For instance, if we were talking about adolescence and the scenario was that the child's grandmother passed away, you might talk about how this has caused you to experience grief as a parent and you feel like you haven't been there for your child as much as you were in the past. You might also talk about how your child has been withdrawn in school since this happened and how this is impacting their friendships and therefore, socioemotional development. If your scenario was that you were a single parent, you could bring in an additional class topic by talking about resilience and how/why your child is resilient.

Your Scenario: Your child is 5 years old and has been showing a preference for their right hand when coloring, eating, and throwing a ball. He/she was recently jumping on the trampoline with some friends, fell off and broke his/her right arm. He/she is pretty excited about the cool cast they got at the doctor's office, but repeatedly reminds you that it is very itchy.