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EXAMPLE The CHILD domains as a tool for engagement

The information below is based on Olivia and her family. This is an example demonstrating how the tool may be used in practice.

Child	About the child - Explored and assessed physical and biological health - nil issues identified. - Curious and alert temperament. - At four-month-old development stage (more awake, alert, engaged).
Home	 Home circumstances and context First child to Dave and Julie. Maternal depression and anxiety in context of sleep deprivation and adjusting to new role. Work demands on father. Engaged father. Supportive paternal grandmother. Query maternal grandparents.
Interactions	 Interactions between the child and parent Olivia appears attentive, warm, responsive to Julie, but flat in affect. Julie reports feeling overwhelmed. Attempting to set up and maintain sleep routine. Noticed in fourth consult, Julie delights in singing with Olivia.
Links	Links in the community - Julie has limited social network and family support. - Yet to find a playgroup or mum's group. - Accesses services.
P	 Development Healthy pregnancy; born at full term. At four months Olivia is alert, responding to voices, smiling, making vocalisations, rolling and reaching. Difficult to settle for sleep, wakes easily.

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