

Sample items from the Pediatric Family Needs Questionnaire (FNQ-P)

Category	Sample items
Health Information	<p>2. To have information on how the brain injury will impact my child's abilities in the future, and into adulthood, including information on prognosis.</p> <p>4. To have information from professionals explained in terms and in a language I can understand.</p> <p>5. To understand what to expect from rehab, including who is on my child's team, expected length of stay, discharge to the community, family participation, etc.</p>
Emotional Support	<p>11. To share my feelings about my child with someone who has gone through a similar experience.</p> <p>12. To have access to counseling to help me cope and to understand the different feelings I have (e.g. anger, roller coaster of emotions).</p> <p>14. To get support to maintain hope, positivity, and optimism about my child's future.</p>
Instrumental Support	<p>17. To have help to educate and involve family and friends to share my challenges and responsibilities for my child.</p> <p>19. To have help meeting the needs of my other children and family members</p> <p>20. To receive support to pay attention to my own health, personal needs, job, or interests.</p>
Community Support	<p>23. To be given information about how to access future support and services (e.g. transition to adulthood, employment, post-secondary).</p> <p>24. To have my child's support system (e.g. school staff, health care providers, peers, spiritual leaders) understand his/her challenges, needs, and strengths.</p> <p>25. To know how to get information and support from the school about my child's education.</p>
Professional Support	<p>27. To have help to understand the impact of my child's brain injury on my family in the present and for the future.</p> <p>28. To receive assistance to advocate for academic support to assist with my child's changing academic abilities and other school issues.</p> <p>31. To be given strategies and coping tools to help me understand and manage my child's emotions/behaviour.</p>
Involvement with Care	<p>33. To feel that medical or rehabilitation staff show respect for my child's and family's needs or wishes.</p> <p>34. To be shown that my opinions and suggestions are listened to when planning my child's treatment, rehabilitation, or education.</p> <p>35. To be involved in my child's care, learn how to help with my child's progress, and become comfortable providing care.</p>