Room Arrangement Options

Consider the advantages and disadvantages of the seating arrangement before the IEP meeting.

Closed Circle with Table



Advantages	Disadvantages
 Encourages eye contact Convenient for people to write and to keep their personal belongings accessible 	 No single focal point, so difficult to focus on visual charting Table may create a barrier to interactions Allows people to focus on several different people which may result in distractions

Semicircle or Rectangle with Table



Advantages	Disadvantages
Allows group to focus on visual charting	 Table may create a barrier to interactions
 Convenient for people to write and to keep items accessible 	
Works well with single team leader	

Semicircle without Table



Advantages	Disadvantages
Allows group to focus on visual charting	 No writing surface or place to keep items
Works well with single team leader	
Allows space for larger groups	