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What I've noticed...

Referrals from Caseworkers for assessment

Dysregulated - disconnected - diagnosed

Overwhelmed - overserviced - overlooked

Entrenched negative narratives - concerning trajectory

Misunderstood

Let me tell you about Jack

- Background
- What others were worried about
- Previous diagnoses given & medication
- Previous therapeutic intervention
- Referral to PSS for assessment
- What to do next...

Who's a
good boy?!

ROBLOX



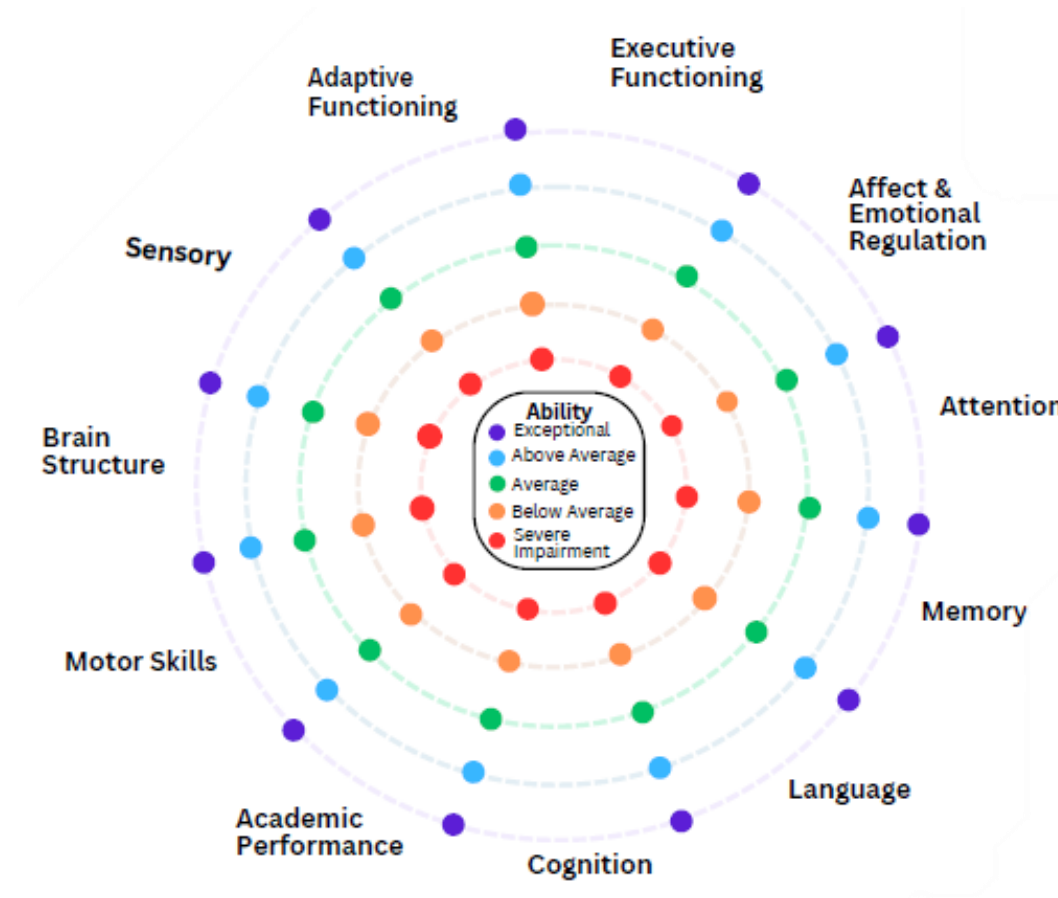
Ability Wheel

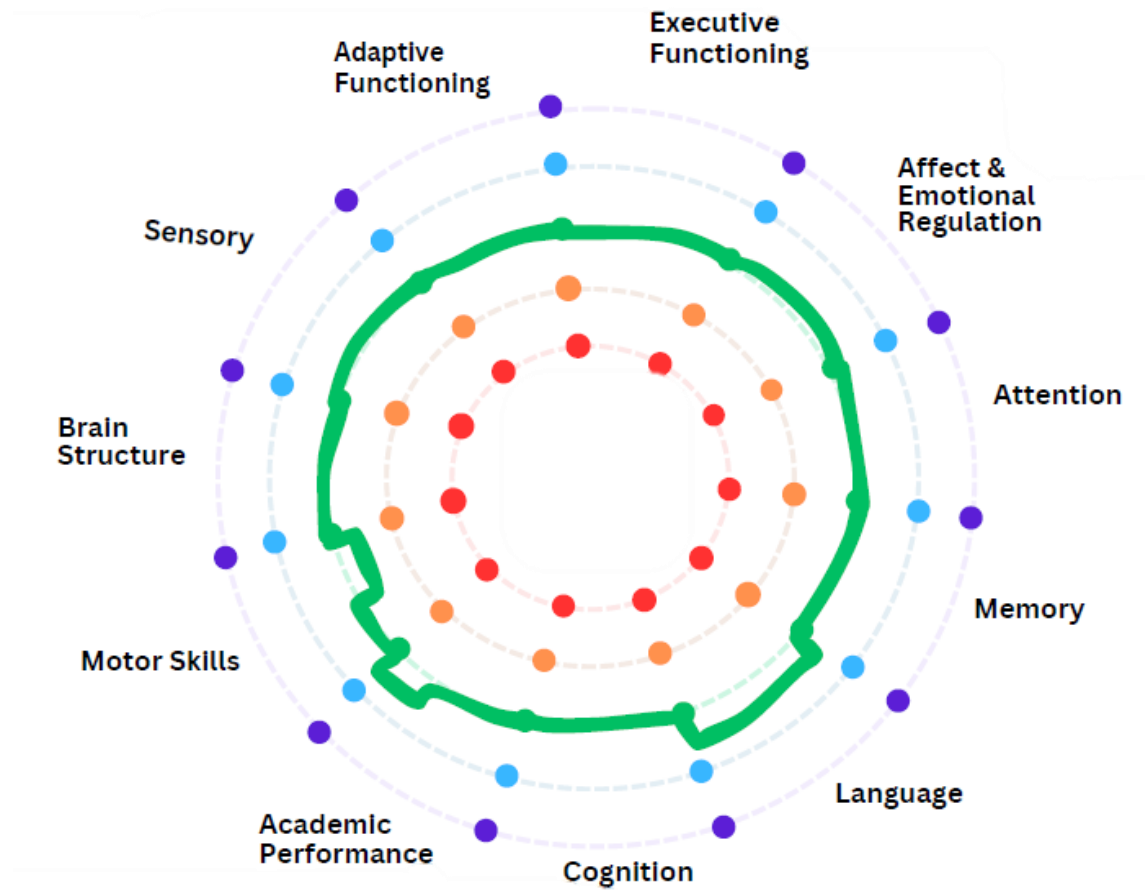
Mapping Brain Domains

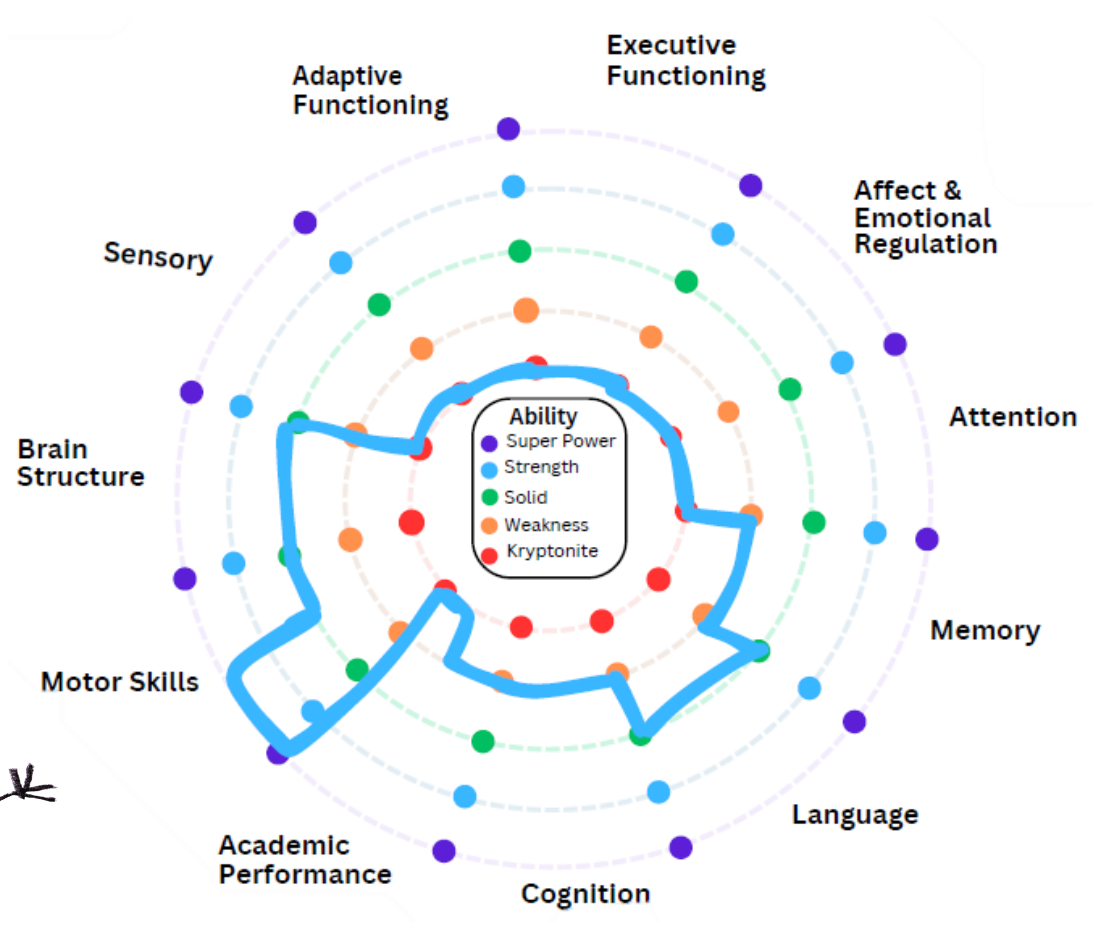
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Sources of information

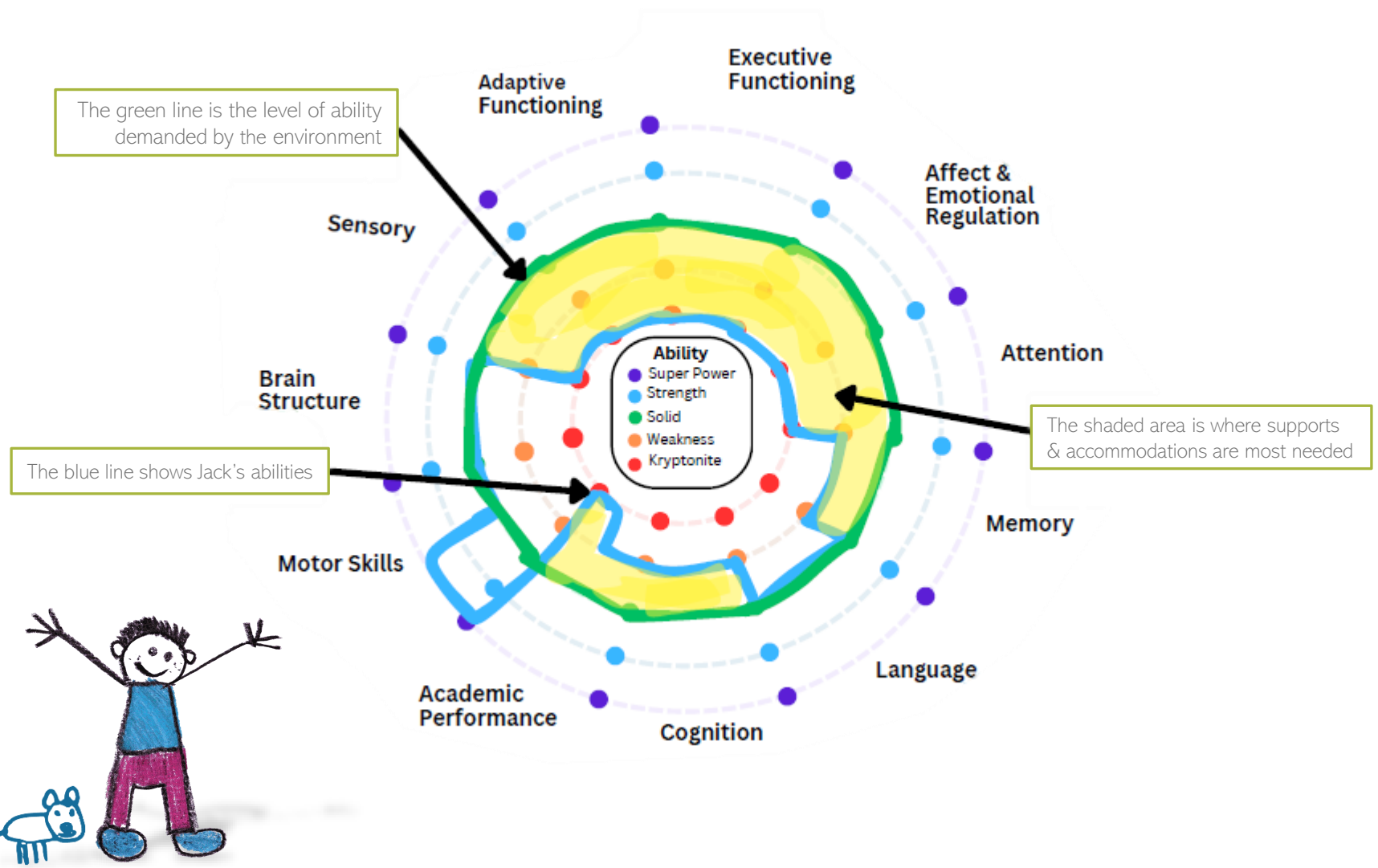
- Psychologists report
- Psychiatrist report
- Paediatrician
- Speech Therapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Parent/carer observation
- Teacher











When there was a mismatch between his skills/abilities, & what was expected/demanded

When his level of functioning was misjudged

When reasonable & appropriate supports/accommodations hadn't been provided/accessed



We were encountering behaviour that challenged others

Therapeutic intervention

Prioritise
interventions

Education

Modify the
environment

Neuro-affirming
approach

Modify expectations

Reshaping the
narrative

Look at
me go!



Jack needs us to know...

Jack's
mum
wants us
to know...

- I don't act the way I do on purpose
- It's not my choice; it's just how my brain works
- It's not because I **won't**... sometimes it's because I **can't**
- I don't always understand but I want to feel connected & to fit in, just like anyone else
- Things might change as I get older, but I won't grow out of FASD
- Help me succeed by having realistic expectations & providing me the support I need



What we can do...

Education - every day's a school day!

Grow your skills to build dignity-driven relationships

Talk about it - invite conversations – opportunities for healing

Model the change in attitude

Be a champion of hope and celebrate difference!!

