

Caregiver Dashboard - Design & Feature Recommendations

Overview

The Caregiver Dashboard should be a comprehensive hub that provides quick access to resources, progress tracking, and actionable insights for supporting neurodivergent individuals.

Recommended Dashboard Sections

1. Quick Tips & Daily Strategies

Purpose: Provide immediately actionable advice

Features:

- Daily rotating tip from the comprehensive guide
- "Strategy of the Day" with implementation steps
- Quick reference cards for common situations
- Search functionality for specific topics
- Bookmark favorite strategies

Example Content:

- "Today's Focus: Sensory Breaks - Schedule 3 five-minute breaks during peak activity times"
 - "Communication Tip: Use 'first-then' language to help with transitions"
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2. Progress Tracker

Purpose: Monitor development and celebrate achievements

Features:

- Log daily observations and milestones
- Track specific goals set with the individual
- Visual graphs showing progress over time
- Photo/video upload capability for documentation

- Celebration badges for achievements
- Export reports for sharing with professionals

Metrics to Track:

- Communication attempts/successes
 - Self-regulation instances
 - Social interactions
 - Independence in daily tasks
 - Positive behaviors
 - Areas of growth
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3. Behavior & Pattern Insights

Purpose: Identify triggers and patterns

Features:

- Quick log for challenging moments
- Pattern analysis: time of day, environment, activities
- Visual charts showing trends
- Trigger identification tool
- Success factor analysis
- ABC (Antecedent-Behavior-Consequence) logging

Data Points:

- What happened before the behavior
 - The behavior itself
 - Environmental factors (noise, people, time)
 - What helped or didn't help
 - Outcome
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4. Resource Library

Purpose: Centralized access to all support materials

Content Sections:

- Complete Caregiver Recommendations Guide (your text file)
- Downloadable visual schedules
- Social stories templates
- Emotion regulation charts
- Communication cards
- Sensory diet suggestions
- Educational articles and videos
- Professional resource directory

Features:

- Search and filter capabilities
 - Save to favorites
 - Print-friendly formats
 - Category organization
 - Regular updates with new content
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5. Communication Hub

Purpose: Facilitate coordination between caregivers

Features:

- Shared notes between parents, teachers, therapists
- Daily report sharing
- Schedule coordination
- Important updates/announcements
- Document sharing
- Medication/appointment reminders

- Contact directory for support team
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6. Crisis Support Center

Purpose: Quick access during challenging moments

Features:

- Emergency contacts (easily accessible)
 - De-escalation techniques
 - Calming activity suggestions
 - Visual calm-down sequence
 - Breathing exercise guides
 - Safety plan quick reference
 - When to seek professional help checklist
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7. Personalization Center

Purpose: Customize support strategies

Features:

- Profile for the individual (sensory preferences, interests, triggers)
 - Custom strategy builder
 - Accommodation checklist
 - Personal goal setting
 - Interest inventory
 - Strength highlighting
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8. Self-Care Dashboard (for Caregivers)

Purpose: Support caregiver wellbeing

Features:

- Self-care reminders
 - Stress check-ins
 - Quick relaxation exercises
 - Burnout prevention tips
 - Support group finder
 - Respite resource directory
 - Caregiver wins celebration
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9. Interactive Tools

Purpose: Practical, hands-on support

Tools to Include:

- Visual schedule creator
 - Social story generator
 - Token economy/reward chart maker
 - Behavior tracking chart
 - Sensory profile questionnaire
 - Communication board designer
 - Transition timer
 - Emotion thermometer
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10. Educational Corner

Purpose: Ongoing learning and awareness

Content:

- Video tutorials
- Webinar schedules
- Neurodiversity basics
- Latest research summaries

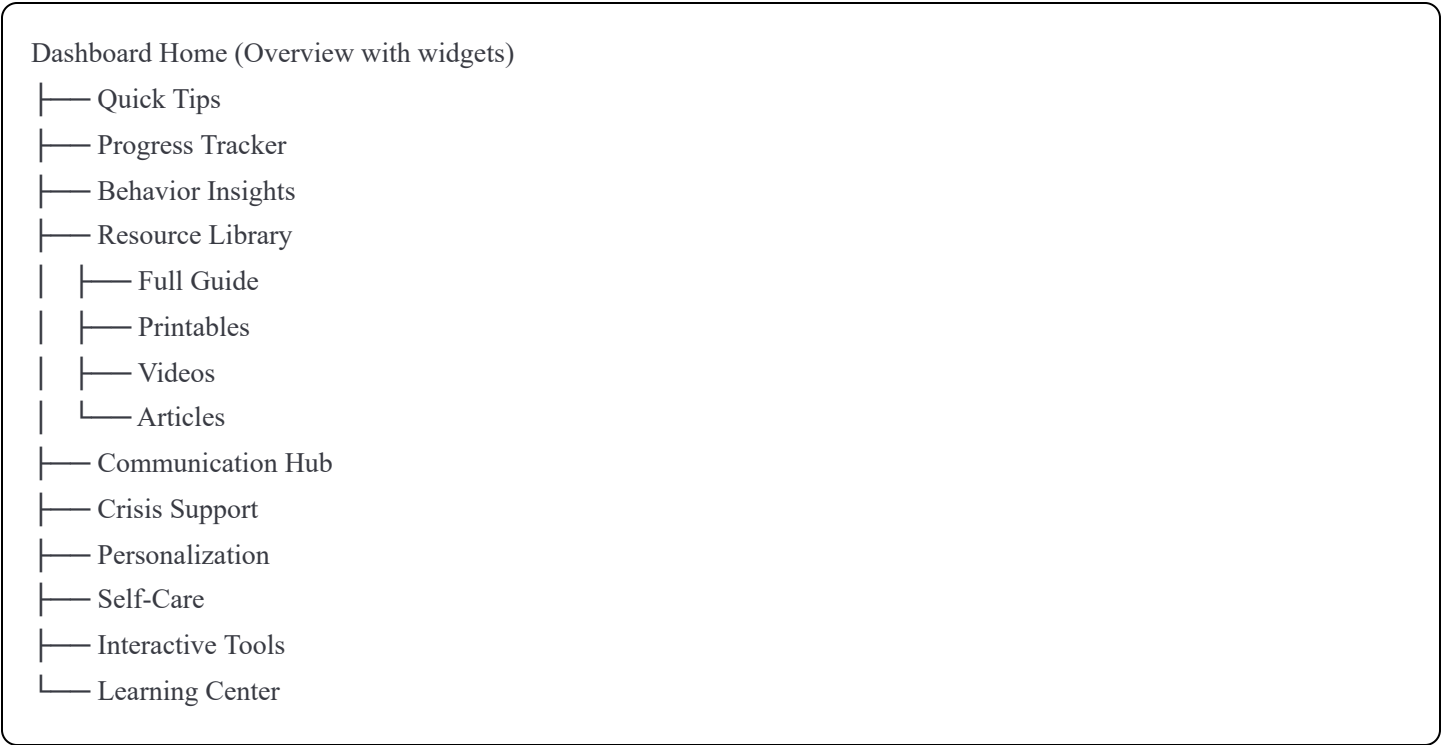
- Success stories from other caregivers
 - Expert interviews
 - Myth-busting section
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User Interface Recommendations

Visual Design

- **Clean, uncluttered layout** - Avoid overwhelming the caregiver
- **Calming color palette** - Blues, greens, soft neutrals
- **Clear navigation** - Tab-based or card-based layout
- **Responsive design** - Works on mobile, tablet, desktop
- **Accessibility features** - High contrast mode, text sizing, screen reader compatible

Navigation Structure



Dashboard Home Widgets

Allow caregivers to customize their home view with widgets:

- Today's tip card

- Recent progress highlights
 - Upcoming appointments
 - Quick behavior log
 - Favorite resources
 - Daily check-in prompt
 - Motivational quote
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Technical Implementation Suggestions

Data Storage

- Local storage for privacy-sensitive information
- Optional cloud sync for multi-device access
- Encrypted data for security
- Export functionality (PDF, CSV)

Notifications

- Gentle reminders for logging
- Positive reinforcement for caregiver
- Appointment/medication alerts
- New content notifications
- Optional daily tips

Sharing Features

- Generate reports for IEP/therapy meetings
 - Create shareable summaries
 - Privacy controls for shared data
 - Professional portal option
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Key Features for Initial Launch

If building incrementally, start with:

1. ☒ **Resource Library with the comprehensive guide**
2. ☒ **Quick Tips section (rotating daily)**
3. ☒ **Simple progress tracker**
4. ☒ **Crisis support quick reference**
5. ☒ **Basic behavior logging**

Then expand to include other features based on user feedback.

Content Display for Recommendations Guide

Recommended Format in App:

- **Searchable table of contents** with jump links
 - **Expandable sections** to avoid scrolling overload
 - **Print/PDF download option**
 - **Highlight and note-taking capability**
 - **Progress indicators** (mark sections as read)
 - **Related resources** links at the end of each section
 - **Mobile-friendly formatting** with readable font sizes
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Success Metrics

Track these to measure dashboard effectiveness:

- Daily active usage
- Most accessed resources
- Features used most frequently
- Time spent on educational content
- Progress logs completed
- User feedback ratings

- Caregiver-reported confidence levels
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Next Steps for Implementation

1. Start with the comprehensive guide as the foundation
 2. Build a simple, tabbed interface for the dashboard
 3. Implement progress tracking as the first interactive feature
 4. Add quick tips rotation
 5. Gradually introduce additional tools based on user needs
 6. Collect feedback and iterate
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This dashboard should empower caregivers with knowledge, support their daily challenges, and celebrate the journey of supporting neurodivergent individuals.