

Able-differently Program
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Date:
Patient:
DOB:

Dear Primary Health Care Provider,

We are writing to inform you that the parents of _____ has contacted us with questions about their school-aged child's diagnosis and/or behavioral management. The parent is sharing this letter with you to help organize our involvement together. If you would like to contact me at the above address, I would be happy to consult with you regarding your patient and discuss any questions you may have especially pertinent to socio-emotional and developmental-learning concerns. A release of information is included if necessary.

We would appreciate your input into the child's condition, with any insight regarding on-going, new circumstances. We hope to join with you in making a positive difference in this child's daily functioning. A brief history contributed by the parent may describe current symptoms and strengths of the child/family, which you may find helpful.

Since the ABLE Program under CSHCN (school aged community based services) has shifted to Able-differently, a public non-profit org, we have changed from direct clinical care to phone consultation and advocacy. We are suggesting the parent download our school-age consult packet to help with a proposed school meeting. We are encouraging the family to take the lead gathering information and care group formation.

The Medical Home has a form for your input for the Individual Educational Plan (IEP) and/or Health Plan development (<http://www.medicalhomeportal.org/living-with-child/education-and-schools/forms>). You may want to consider using this as an alternative to participating in a phone discussion of your patient on health related educational and school nursing concerns.

Additionally, you may want to be aware of our new website address at: www.able-differently.org and the Medical Home Portal <http://www.medicalhomeportal.org/> . These websites can contribute resources on wrapping health, education and mental health around the child and family needs.

Would it be more helpful to join in a phone conversation in discussion about parent concerns and other ways to support the family's stronger voice? We look forward to collaborative consultation on behalf of this child, as well as another patient you may want to discuss later.

Thank you,

Louis Allen,. MD, FAAP