

A Letter to Parents

Dear parents,

We hope this web site will address your present or future concerns about your child's emotional development.

Our primary goal is to encourage you to bring those concerns early to the attention of your child's physician. All of us, as parents, need to be comfortable asking for help. By so doing, you will gain the reassurance you deserve or find appropriate guidance and support. You will discover that as a family you have many natural strengths and have already accomplished much in the course of your child's development. In addition, whatever you achieve now will assist you as you encounter future challenges.

Your pediatrician, family physician, and nurse practitioner have many talents and resources available to them to help you solve your child's problem. They are there for you at times of crisis and may often be reimbursed by your health plan if they provide such intervention.

You may wish to invite your child's pediatrician, or your family physician, to visit the doctors' section of this web site. Between your physician's knowledge, your determination to succeed, and whatever insights this web site may generate, we are confident that you and your pediatrician will become effective partners in understanding and enhancing your child's development.

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