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To: S<sup>D</sup> Families  
Date: May 18, 2020  
From: Lesha Rasco & Jennifer Johnson NVT Program Directors

Dear Families,

As we work towards restarting our in-person services, we want to make sure that we are keeping you updated and informed on where we are in this process. Since we sent out our last letter on Friday, May 8, 2020, we have gotten new information that has impacted our opening up for in-person BZ/CZ services (services funded with private insurance). We continue to follow the guidelines for schools for our school based services. Below is an update on where we stand currently with starting up in-person services for our BZ and CZ services.

During the Governor's address on Monday, May 11, 2020, ABA providers were specifically mentioned for the first time since the Stay Home, Stay Safe measures were put in place, and we found out that we should be following guidance put out by the Office of Professional Regulations. On Friday May 15, 2020 the OPR sent out an email stating that we are able to resume Outpatient Clinic Services. With this update, our goal is to be able to serve all BZ clients who are interested in receiving services at the S<sup>D</sup> office/Clinic in Williston and Montpelier by June 1, 2020!

If you would like your child to receive services at the S<sup>D</sup> office by June 1, please call or email your Behavior Analyst as soon as possible. Over the next two weeks, your BA will work with your family to prepare your child for services. This may include outside/community face-to-face visits, office tours for parents, and in some cases, services in the office before June 1 to begin working on skills needed to start services June 1, 2020.

If your child has received services in home and you would like them to receive services in the office as soon as we open up, we will be able to make that transition. Please speak to your BA if you are interested in this option. We are awaiting further guidance about when we will be able to provide in-home services but do not anticipate that they will be available until July at the earliest. If you would ultimately like to continue to receive services in home but would like to have your child served at the office or to continue receiving telemedicine until we are able to do so, that is also an option.

Please know that our team is working on developing systems for monitoring staff and student health, putting cleaning procedures in place, obtaining the necessary PPE, and providing all staff with the necessary VOSHA training. Additionally, we are figuring out how to set up our offices to maximize student services, while minimizing exposure to staff and clients, and how to set up staffing so we can serve with as little risk of exposure as possible.

We know that this is a trying, uncertain, and stressful time for many of our families and want to continue to assure you that we are doing our best to make sure we are able to provide our services to students as soon as possible. We are looking forward to seeing clients in person again, and want to make sure we are providing a safe environment for everyone upon return. We will continue to

provide you with updates as we receive information from the government. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.