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To: S^D Families
Date: July 10, 2020
From: Lesha Rasco & Jennifer Johnson NVT Program Directors

Dear Families,

I hope you are having a wonderful summer! Things are crazy busy here at Sd with cleaning, serving students and preparing for the fall. It has been great seeing some of our clients again. It has been a big morale boost for all of us.

We wanted to give you some important information about the fall for your planning purposes.

Unfortunately, for many reasons we do not anticipate being able to provide Behavior Instructor (1:1) services for our school age clients after school starting this fall. Over the next month we will be working on how to still bring quality ABA treatment to you and your school age child through treatment opportunities with your Behavior Analyst. We believe that we can find a way to still support your child with their current and future ABA goals through a variety of creative approaches.

Your current Behavior Analyst and supervisors will be setting up meetings with families between 8/15 and 9/15 to discuss what these changes may mean for you and your child! Just so you are aware, your Behavior Analyst is getting this information at the same time as you are and will not have any answers for what it may look like until the meetings. Please feel free to talk with them about your ideas, questions or concerns and they will keep those notes for the August/September meetings.

We recognize that for some families those 1:1 BI services covered some childcare needs and we wanted to make sure you had this information with adequate time to plan accordingly. We do recognize that so many things are up in the air and it is hard for families and for this we do apologize.

If you need help finding Personal Care Assistance to support with childcare needs we recommend this great resource provided by the VT Family Network.

<https://www.vermontfamilynetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Finding-and-Hiring-a-Childs-Personal-Care-Attendant-Fact-sheet-April-2019.pdf> .

Also, those clients connected to your local Human Service Agency and who are of transitional age, we hope to be able to partner more with the agencies in the future.

This change does not affect adult or toddler day programs. We are continuing to work on how we might be able to provide home services for non-school age children, within the guidelines given. For those families awaiting that information, we are hoping to have more answers by August.

Please know we are committed to quality ABA programming and your child. We appreciate your

dedication and understanding through this crazy time. As always, please reach out to Jennifer Johnson or Lesha Rasco at anytime with questions or concerns. We welcome you to share any ideas you have to help us support our clients and families.

Stay Cool !