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Physician's *Guide* to Working with Schools

If you have a patient who has or may have ADD/ADHD, and is failing in school...

1. Suggest that the parent meet with school personnel to discuss concerns.
2. Request a report from the school (Connors, Hawthorne, observation) regarding how the child functions at school.
3. Ask the parent about structure at home for homework and school projects.

The parent of one of your patients tells you that the school says the child needs to be on medication for his ADD/ADHD...

1. Suggest that the parent ask the referring teacher to write down a description of how the child functions in the classroom and what accommodations have been made.
2. Suggest that the parent ask that someone other than the teacher observe the student in the classroom and share results with you.

You have a patient who is mentally retarded/developmentally disabled– parents tell you the child doesn't attend school...

1. Suggest the parent call Child Find at 733-6317.
2. And suggest that the parent contact CVRC at 738-2200 to request assessment for eligibility for their services.

You have a preschool age patient with disabilities and the parents say that no preschool or childcare provider will take him or her,

Tell them to call...

1. The local school to request an assessment.
2. Resource and Referral at 651-0862 for information about childcare options.
3. Parenting Network at 625-0384 and ask about their services.

You have a patient who is an infant/toddler and is not reaching milestones or has a disability...

1. Suggest that the parent call Bright Start Parent Infant Program
   a. 740-4321 – Visalia area
   b. 783-2405 – Porterville area
2. Or, suggest that they call CVRC at 738-2200.

If parents of young school-age children need parent-to-parent support, they (or you) can call Parenting Network at 625-0384.

If parents of school-age children express concerns about their child's special education services, suggest they contact the school principal, Director of Special Education for the District, or Parent Liaison in the County Office (733-6737).