



You
Are Cordially
Invited
To be a
Parent Partner



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Program

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Empowering
families

PARENT PARTNERS IN HEALTH EDUCATION

Was created to:

- ◆ **Help resident doctors learn more about the day-to-day issues that parents and families face in caring for their children with special health care needs.**
- ◆ **Teach resident doctors about resources in the community that are available to children with developmental disabilities.**
- ◆ **Help community agencies (schools, early intervention, therapists) and resident doctors to work together for the good of children with developmental disabilities.**
 - ◆ **Help resident doctors communicate better with patients and their families.**
- ◆ **Increase parents' satisfaction with their children's medical care.**

? HOW WILL IT WORK ?

You and the resident doctor who takes care of your child in the Pediatric clinic will form a partnership that will last until the doctor finishes residency training (1 to 2 years.)

As a parent partner, you will meet with the resident doctor twice during the year (July 2006-June 2007.) Each home visit will last 1-2 hours.

- ◆ **On one visit, your child's doctor will bring along a more senior doctor and perhaps one or two other resident doctors. During this visit you will talk about your child's life at home, about what your child can and cannot do, which community resources have been helpful, and any concerns you have about your child.**
- ◆ **On the other visit, your child's doctor will bring along a Project DOCC-trained parent. She, like you, is a parent of a child with special health care needs and has experience in teaching resident doctors in home visits. She will have information about community resources and parent support groups.**
- ◆ **You will also go with the resident doctor to your child's appointment with a community agency (for example, with the speech therapist.)**
- ◆ **You will also be asked to complete surveys to help us learn as much as possible.**

ADVANTAGES OF BEING A PARENT PARTNER:

- ◆ **You will play an important role in improving how doctors take care of children with developmental disabilities.**
- ◆ **You may learn about more services available for your family and child.**
- ◆ **You will meet other parents whose children have special health care needs.**
- ◆ **You will receive a stipend (cash payment) of \$50 each time the resident doctor visits your home.**

DISADVANTAGES OF BEING A PARENT PARTNER:

- ◆ **You will have to spend time on the visits to your home.**
- ◆ **You may feel that you are giving up some of your privacy.**