QUESTIONS FOR YOUR CHILD'S HEALTHCARE TEAM

Most parents and caregivers feel confused and worried when their child seems to be having delays in development, learning issues and/or behavioral issues. It is hard to know what to do to help your child meet milestones and be successful in their educational program. Don't be afraid to ask questions when it comes to any concerns you may have. Here are some questions you might ask your child's healthcare team.

ABOUT ISSUES WITH DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING

- Will my child grow and do things like sit, crawl and walk at the same time as other kids?
- Why do children with CHD sometimes have delays in their development?
- Will my child have problems learning?
- What can I do to help my child as he or she grows?
- Where can I learn more about delays with development and learning issues that kids with CHD might have?
- What are some resources or services that help with development and learning to help children with CHD?

EARLY DEVELOPMENT

- What can I do to help care for my baby while in the hospital?
- What resources and services are available in the hospital for my baby that can help with development and growth?
- What are normal developmental milestones for babies and young children?
- What can I expect in terms of development for my baby?
- How will I know if my baby has delays in development or leaning issues?
- What is physical therapy and how can it help?
- At what ages should we screen for developmental and learning problems?
- Where can I get my child screened for development and learning issues?
- What kinds of things are looked at during screening and what kinds of tests are done?
- What information and resources are available to help us as we transition from hospital to home?

LEARNING

- In what ways might my child have difficulties with learning?
- What social issues might my child have and what should I do about them?
- When and where should school-age children be screened for problems with learning?
- Who is the best person to screen my child for learning issues?
- What resources are available to help school-aged children?
- What can I do to help my child with school or other educational program?
- What are my rights as a parent when it comes to education?
- If my child does have issues with attention or learning, what medications or treatment options are safe and effective for my child?
- Will screening be covered by insurance or other health coverage?