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SUGGESTED FAMILY WEBLINKS:

<http://www.peatc.org/peatc.cim?template=IEPChecklist>
iPhone

Free Individualized Education Plan (IEP) app for iPhone, iPod Touch or iPad. Download from the above link or go directly to the iTunes store.



TeleFamilies Study Progress Report

By the time you receive this newsletter, recruitment for the study will be complete. Thank you again for helping us reach this important milestone. As of August 1st, 85% of participating families have been randomly placed into one of the three study groups. All three groups are equally important. The random group assignment occurs six months after starting the study. A **survey packet is sent by mail** at this time. The survey packet gives us a broad picture of your child and helps us measure different ways of coordinating your child's care. We appreciate the time it takes to fill out and return the survey packet. If you need help finishing your survey packet, please call Cathy or Rhonda at 612-625-9431.

Over the past six months, **TeleFamilies team members presented our work** on this new approach to coordinating care at local,

national and international conferences. We have spoken to people from around the world who also have the goal of supporting families of children with complex conditions. We will continue to share the results of the TeleFamilies study so that others can learn from the results and we can learn from their experiences and questions.

In June, we said good-bye to Dr. James McCord, who moved to Portland, Oregon. Dr. McCord's dedication and leadership made the TeleFamilies study possible at Children's. We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Carrie Pettey to the TeleFamilies team as a co-investigator. Dr. Pettey has been actively involved with the Special Needs Program since joining the Children's Clinic. You can learn more about Dr. Pettey in her article on the back of this newsletter.

Stan Finkelstein, PhD

Professor and Program Director

"To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world."

- Heather Cortez

Individualized Education Plan

Free app download

From Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center and Nurvee LLC

The Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC) recently announced Version 2 of the IEP Checklist iPhone app. The IEP is an Individualized Education Program designed to support the educational

needs of students with disabilities. The IEP Checklist app helps parents of students with special needs become better-informed advocates by making IEP information easier to access. Version 2 has

active links to the relevant language in the federal regulations; allows users to record the IEP meeting or record notes; and has the capacity to print out notes and click on a checklist as requested items are discussed.

Meet Carrie Petty, MD Children's Co-Investigator

As co-investigator on the TeleFamilies study, I bring extensive clinical experiences as a personal physician for children with special needs. After attending medical school at the University of Wisconsin, and completing residency at the University of Minnesota, I joined Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota in 2006. I have been an active physician member of Children's Special Needs Committee since its inception in 2007. This allows me to advocate for the highest level of patient-family centered care for all of our patients. I provide direct care to

patients and families in the Special Needs Program, general pediatric clinic, and inpatient units at Children's of Minnesota St. Paul location. I share my passion and expertise with the next generation of physicians as a clinical mentor for pediatric residents and medical students. Away from the clinic I enjoy traveling and doing outdoor activities with my family.



"If you have to judge people, judge them based on what they can do, not on what they cannot. Judge them based on who they are, not who they aren't. Otherwise, you're judging based on your own shortcomings."

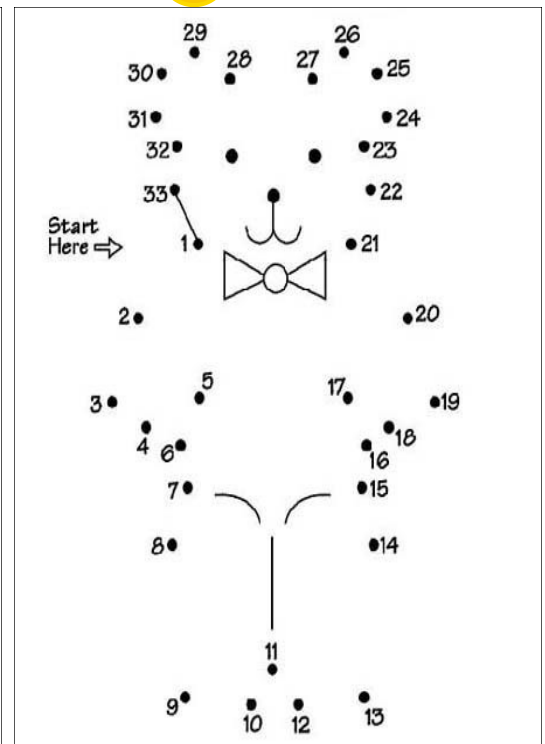
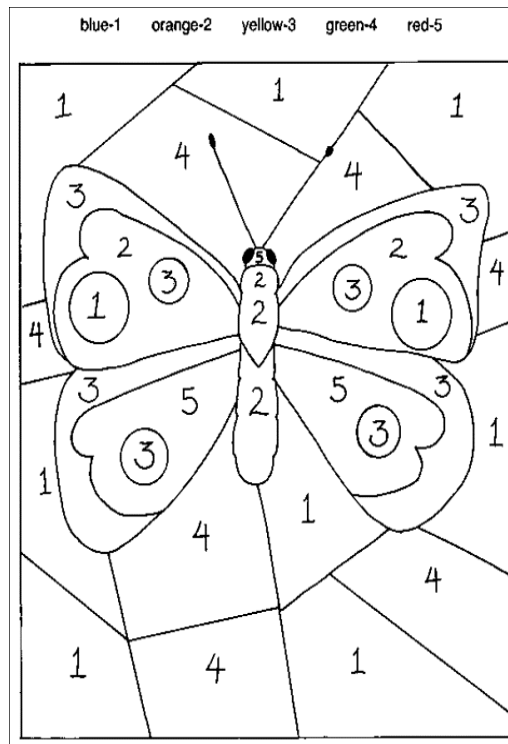
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