

# PARENTAL INFORMATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT TOOL



[www.puentesenlinea.com](http://www.puentesenlinea.com)

Use this handout to assess the needs of parents of children with special health care needs for educational accommodations and health care information.

Factors	Yes	No
<b>Child's health condition</b>		
Has your child been diagnosed with a disability?		
Have you noticed a change in your child's performance in school?		
<i>If parents respond "Yes" to at least one question, provide information to connect parents to local resources to support the child's needs.</i>		
<b>Child's social support</b>		
Does your child receive support from a social service organization?		
Is your child involved in any programs or activities including clubs or sports?		
<i>If parents respond "No" to at least one question, provide information to connect parents to a social service organizations and programs, including contact information about the services and programs provided by the organization.</i>		
<b>Access and use of health care providers</b>		
Does your child have a primary care provider for annual checkups?		
Does your child have a specialist he or she sees regularly for checkups?		
Does your child have a medical home*?		
Does your child have health insurance?		
Are you aware of the rights you have regarding your child's health care?		
<i>If parents respond "No" to at least one question, provide information to connect parents to a local health care provider, including contact information to reach the provider and information about health insurance or payment options.</i>		
<b>Access and use of educational accommodations</b>		
Have you requested an evaluation for your child?		
Does your child have an educational accommodation plan or Individualized Education Plan (IEP)**?		
Do you regularly attend your child's IEP Team meetings?		
Are you aware of the rights you have regarding your child's educational accommodations?		
<i>If parents respond "No" to at least one question, provide information to connect parents to the school's special education coordinator, including contact information to reach the special education coordinator and information about educational accommodations.</i>		

\*A medical home is the partnership between parents, doctors, and social service providers. A medical home is also known as a patient-centered medical home (PCMH).

\*\*Individualized Education Plan (IEP) is a plan developed by parents, school personnel and social service coordinators and ensures a child with special health care needs is provided the proper educational accommodations at public expense, so parents do not pay for these accommodations.