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PHYSICAL THERAPY SCREENING/EVALUATION REFERRAL

As written in the Federal Regulations, IDEA, related services, including **physical therapy, is provided to enable a child to access a free appropriate public education.**

Physical Therapists assess gross motor skill acquisition and mastery. **Gross motor skills are the abilities required in order to control the large muscles of the body** for walking, running, sitting, crawling, and coordinated movements, such as hopping and skipping. Gross and Fine motor skills usually develop together since many activities depend on the coordination of gross and fine motor skills. Fine motor skill acquisition is assessed by an Occupational Therapist. Gross motor skills develop over a relatively short period of time. Most development occurs prior to the age of 7 years old.

The following information will assist the physical therapist to appropriately assess the student who is referred for screening or evaluation.

Student Name: _____

DOB: _____

Teacher: _____

PE Teacher: _____

Other Related Services Currently Received and Providers:

1. Concern regarding this student has arisen in the area of gross motor development due to the following

2. His/her gross motor problem has impacted his/her educational access in the following ways

Thank you for your assistance. We will review the screening/evaluation findings with you when completed.

Nora Gribbin, PT