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Child:

DOB/age:

Name completing the report:

Position:

Organisation:

Date Completed:

Dear Educators,

This family are seeing me for an opinion regarding learning and behaviour. Understanding a child's behaviour in multiple settings is crucial for establishing a diagnosis and helping with emotional regulation and attention. I would appreciate if you could please answer the following questions to help us better understand the unique strengths and challenges for this child.

What do you consider to be the child's best qualities / strengths?

What are the child's challenges? Are there any common triggers for meltdowns or challenging behaviour?

Please comment on child's academic skills or school readiness. Are they working at the level of their peers, behind or ahead? Do you think they are reaching their potential? How have they progressed with time?

Please describe the child's social skills. Have you noticed differences with eye contact or response to name? Have you noticed if the child prefers to play on their own, wants to join other kids but has difficulties or likes to direct play? What type of play does the child choose to engage in? Do they engage in play that creates imaginary worlds with characters or do they tend to have play that is led by curiosity, cause and effect or physical play? Do they have any strong interests or are there recurrent themes to play?

Have you noticed if the child has any strong sensory preferences? Do they cover their ears to loud sounds or complain when the noise level is high? Have you noticed if they are more regulated with less people in the room? Do they avoid any sensory experiences, suncream, art and craft or certain clothes?

Does the child have any strong fixations, routines, strong preferences, or repetitive movements? Is there anything that the child does over and over again? Have you noticed unusual sounds or vocalizations like baby talk, animal noises or humming? Does the child repeat any phrases or words or speak in an unusual accent?

Please comment on the child's attention and focus compared with their peers. Are they able to focus and follow complex instructions? Do they need assistance to start or complete tasks? Are they often forgetful and lose their personal items? Are they often distracted by external stimuli?

Please comment on the child's hyperactivity and impulsivity. Is the child able to sit down when required? Do they frequently fidget? Are there any difficulties with calling out or speaking too loudly?

Please comment on the child's gross motor and fine motor skills. Do they need assistance with toileting, eating lunch, opening containers or personal hygiene?

Please comment on the child's speech and language skills. Do they have any difficulty with articulation? Can they understand safety directions? Are they able to communicate their needs or ask for help?

What strategies or funding is in place to support the child's learning and behaviour? Have they been helpful?

Is there anything else you would like to share that might be helpful to better understand the child's needs?

Once complete please email back to **info@drkarlypaediatrics.com.au** or give to the child's parents.

Many thanks for your time and care,

Yours sincerely,



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