Dear Principal,

This letter accompanies fliers that have been approved for distribution through elementary schools by Alpine School District. The fliers are part of a “child find” effort by Kids On The Move Early Intervention Program, in collaboration with Alpine School District. We ask that you distribute these fliers to the student family representative for each family your elementary school serves. By distributing these fliers, more parents will become aware of Early Intervention services for children birth to age three with developmental delays and disabilities. With your help, more will be able to access available services, including a FREE developmental assessment for any child if the parents have concerns about development.

Kids On The Move supports the development of children under age three with special needs and offers assistance to families in the community. Our Early Intervention program provides services to kids with a variety of delays and disabilities.

However, KOTM also provides five other programs that support children. Early Head Start is designed to help low-income families, as well as pregnant mothers-to-be, our Autism Center, extends services to children with Autism and similar disorders who are over three years of age. KOTM Respite Care program offers temporary care of children with special needs, providing a short period of rest or relief to their usual caregivers. New this year, our Child and Family Mental Health program focuses on helping families thrive by offering a wide range of mental health services and addressing issues important to all family members. For more information about our programs, or volunteer opportunities, contact us at www.kotm.org or at 801.221.9930.

In addition to distributing the fliers, there is information attached that may be published as part of your school’s newsletter, if you wish. We appreciate your support in helping us raise awareness of the services available to children and families that live within your school’s boundaries. If you have any questions, please call me or Ryan Burke, Director of Special Education for Alpine School District, 801.610.8481.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR BABY’S DEVELOPMENT?

No two kids progress the same way, that’s why it’s hard to tell when you should be concerned about differences in their development. Most babies at...

TEN WEEKS:
Hold up their heads, look at objects, and begin to coo.

SIX MONTHS:
Roll over, babble, and grasp objects.

NINE MONTHS:
Begin to crawl, sit alone, and start eating finger foods.

ONE YEAR:
Take first steps, point or wave, and say a few words.

TWO YEARS:
Run and use two to three word sentences.

If you are concerned about your child’s development, please contact Kids On The Move to schedule a free evaluation. Visit our website for more information on developmental milestones.
Free Developmental Assessment
For parents who have concerns about their young child’s development, Kids On The Move (KOTM) provides FREE developmental evaluations for children under three who reside in the Alpine School District. The first few years of life are very important for a young child’s development. This developmental assessment will let you know if your child is “on-target” for his/her age. If it is determined that your child has a significant delay in development, your family may be eligible to receive Early Intervention services from Kids On The Move at little or no cost.

Kids On Move Programs:
We are a non-profit organization that provides services for children with disabilities and developmental delays. KOTM has five main pillar programs, which are:

1. Early Intervention: This program provides therapy services for children ages zero to three with disabilities within the Alpine School District. 85% of brain development occurs at this age and that is why the program is so vital. It is designed to maximize each child’s learning and development through physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, hearing and vision assessment, nursing, nutrition and parent training classes.

2. Early Head Start: This program is designed to enhance children’s development (ages birth to three) by supporting parents in their critical parental roles. We specifically focus on low-income families, teaching parents to learn sustainability as well as provide quality education for their children. Services include educational, social, medical, dental, nutritional and mental health in both a classroom-based and at-home setting.

3. Autism Center: This center is specifically for children ages infancy – teenage years with autism. Therapists use Applied Behavior Analysis techniques to work with children and increase their rate of development. This program includes treatment planning along with assessments to track each child’s progress throughout classes.

4. Respite Care: This program offers a safe environment with one-on-one supervision for parents to drop off their child for a period of time. It allows parents of children with special needs to receive the rest they need to relieve stress, renew energy, and restore balance. There is always a nurse on staff and quality volunteers to care for their child.

5. Mental Health: We offer a wide range of mental health services including psychological testing, individual, couples, family, teen and child counseling therapy services. We address issues important to all family members, including depression, anxiety, ADHD, parenting, disabilities, coping with medical diagnosis, grief, trauma, family and relationship challenges, life transitions and more.

One Family’s Story:
My son, Ashton, was about 2.5 and could say two words. He had no desire to learn more words and it was becoming really difficult to communicate. He would get frustrated easily because we didn’t ever know what he wanted. I heard about Kids on the Move and asked for a free assessment. A service coordinator met with us in our home and Ashton was placed in the second percentile for language. The first time our language therapist came to our house Ashton hid under the table and wouldn’t come out. Eventually we were able to coax him out with some toys, but he was still very shy and wouldn’t talk. Each time she came over he warmed up a little more through their play.

It’s now about seven months later and Ashton knows 50+ words. He is so eager to learn now and copies everything we say. He can sing three or four songs on his own. Plus, our language therapist is one of his favorite people. I had the option to stop these meetings since Ashton has caught up so much but seeing how much he loves his time with her I’ve chosen to keep it up until he’s three. We have a meeting next week to talk about placing him in preschool. I’m so happy with where he is and how well we can communicate with him. I can’t thank Kids On The Move enough for giving so much time and attention to Ashton.

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