



# NICU-Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Program: Child and Adolescent Clinic

## Recommended Coordination with Education Liaison

Based on the results of your NICU-Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Program (NCNP) assessment, coordination with our Education Liaison may be suggested.

The role of our NCNP Education Liaison involves creating partnerships with schools and families to support neurodevelopmental concerns in the academic setting while reinforcing a child's strengths and promoting growth.

Our Education Liaison can assist with many aspects of your child's education, including:

- Relaying information to your child's school in regards to the impact of diagnosis, complex medical course and any current medical needs that may affect your child's education
- Collaborating with schools to create educational plans that support your child's needs
- Problem solving with parents and schools around barriers to educational services
- Providing information regarding educational rights and special education services available to your child within the school system

Our Education Liaison can also inform, educate and provide resources to school teams regarding the link between congenital heart disease/heart transplantation/prematurity and neurodevelopmental risk factors. The Education Liaison will discuss with school teams how those risk factors may translate to the school setting and affect children in different ways.

Our Education Liaison is available to communicate with schools via phone, email, conference calls and in person meetings (travels to schools within approx. 90 miles).

To discuss further concerns or to schedule a school meeting, please see our Education Liaison's contact information below:

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