Educational Considerations for Children with Tuberous Sclerosis

Tuberous Sclerosis may affect your child's educational progress. If you think that educational services would be helpful, you can contact your child's school and/or the TS social worker. They can provide detailed information about the two educational programs described below.

504 Plan

The 504 Plan is an instructional program designed to assist students with special needs, such as ongoing illness, who are participating in a regular education program at their school. The following examples are the types of accommodations that can be provided through a 504 plan:

- Adjusting the length and/or content of assignments
- Having test questions modified by shortening the length of the test or changing the content
- Offering an extra set of textbooks for the student to use at home
- Permitting the student to leave the classroom for certain activities
- Providing a private restroom to accommodate mobility/dignity issues

IEP (Individualized Education Plan)

The IEP is a very detailed document that includes specific goals and objectives that are written just for your child so that he/she will be successful in school. It is part of IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) which

- Is a federal law
- Assures children 3-21 a free and appropriate education in the least restrictive environment
- Encourages parents to participate in planning their child's education needs

The enclosed brochure **"Back to school: What is an IEP? (Individualized Education Program)"** gives detailed information about starting the process for requesting an IEP.

If you have any questions about this information, please contact Jeannie Fiser, the TS social worker, at 636-0071.