

Dear Parent:

Our office would like to expedite the evaluation of inattention or school difficulties for your child. The providers want to work with you to ensure your child is meeting his full potential in school.

To make this evaluation more efficient, we are requesting the following information prior to your child's appointment with one of our providers.

1. Either a psychoeducational evaluation by a licensed psychologist or a complete evaluation done by the school system is very helpful to diagnosing the reason for your child's school difficulties.

**Not all children that the teacher identifies as “inattentive” have Attention Deficit Disorder of Childhood. Some children have learning processing disorders (such as dyslexia) or other psychological disorders (such as depression or anxiety) which result in school difficulties. A thorough psychoeducational evaluation helps us ensure we are making the correct diagnosis for your child.**

2. If for some reason you are unable to get your child a complete psychological Evaluation prior to your first office visit, please fill out the enclosed Vanderbilt questionnaires (one for the parents and two separate questionnaires for two teachers who know your child's classroom behaviors best).

Please download the three Vanderbilt Questionnaires to be filled out prior to the first office visit and a list of psychologists in the triangle area who can evaluate your child prior to the first office visit.

**Please note: We suggest you call your insurance carrier to inquire about whether or not psychological services are covered and which pediatric psychologists are covered by your insurance plan.**

If you have questions about any of this information, please use our “Web Portal” or contact our phone nurse during regular business hours for clarification.

Sincerely,

Providers of Jeffers, Mann, and Artman Pediatrics