



Operation House Call Needs Families

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The purpose of this program is to support future doctors in building confidence, interest, and sensitivity in their work with individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

When was the last time you had an opportunity to make a positive impact to a doctor? Now is your chance to shape the future of a doctor by giving him firsthand experience of what it's like to raise a child with a developmental disability.

What happens: Families interested in participating will be matched with a Pediatric and Medical Resident that will do at least one home visit to learn firsthand from parents what their typical day is when raising a child with a developmental disability. Many Residents have reported back they had no idea what families went through in providing quality care to their children with disabilities. I remember one Resident stating "just the ordeal of getting her daughter in and out of the vehicle to take her to a doctor appointment was monumental undertaking."

Where: They are looking for parents in the Greater New Orleans area (Jefferson Parish, Orleans, St. Bernard Parishes preferably) that are willing to open their home to a Resident for at least one visit. NO medical services are provided during this visit. It's strictly YOUR chance to TEACH the doctor about your life raising a child with a developmental disability.

If this is something you are interested in, please contact Angela Shockey at 504.975.4284 or Angela.Shockey@la.gov.



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