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Dear Parent/Guardian,

This packet includes information about the Adaptive Skill Building (ASB) Program, which is funded by the NM Department of Health and managed by the Autism Programs at the Center for Development and Disability (CDD). You are receiving this packet because someone in your family requested information about the program, or because one of your child's health care providers or educators believes that this program may be beneficial for your child.

The ASB program is designed to provide in-home Applied Behavior Analytic (ABA) intervention services to children and adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The goal of the program is to help children with ASD develop adaptive skills related to communication, socialization, self-help, safety, etc., so that they can become more successful in life. To accomplish this goal, 6 to 10 hours of ABA services are offered each week, for up to two years. As previously mentioned, this program is funded by the Department of Health; if eligible, services are offered at no cost.

If you answer "yes" to the following questions, your child may be eligible for this program:

- Is your child between the ages of 5 and 18?
- Does your child have a confirmed medical diagnosis of ASD (i.e., Autism, Asperger's, PDD-NOS)?
- Are you unable to access ABA through another funder (e.g., private insurance, DD waiver, etc.)?
- Does your child demonstrate deficits in adaptive functioning?
- Are the skill deficits that you'd like to address related to your child's ASD diagnosis, rather than another diagnosis/condition that your child may have?

If you believe that your child may be eligible for the ASB program, please complete the enclosed application and return it to the address provided. Once received, the application will be reviewed, and you will be notified about the outcome of the review within 3 months. Should you have any questions about the ASB program, eligibility criteria, or application process, please do not hesitate to contact us toll free at 1-800-270-1861.

Sincerely,

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