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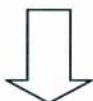
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Guidelines for Providing Swallowing and Feeding Services

Parent Informed: A member of the school based team informs parent of swallowing/feeding concerns and completes parent notification form for consultation.



Referral form is completed by the Special Education Supervisor and submitted along with parent notification form to Stephanie Weikel, BLaST Intermediate Unit #17 Supervisor of Speech/Language and Occupational Therapy services. Stephanie Weikel emails screening form to classroom teacher.



Screening form is completed by classroom teacher and returned to Stephanie Weikel. Stephanie Weikel notifies members of BLaST Intermediate Unit #17 Safe Feeding Team.



Interdisciplinary Consultation: The Safe Feeding Team schedules and conducts a "hands off" observation of the student's swallowing and feeding behavior. The Safe Feeding Team will determine the source of difficulty and provide recommendations.



Recommendations:



If nature of difficulty is medically based, recommendation is for school based team to refer for medical evaluation. Safe Feeding Team is available for follow up consultation.



If nature of difficulty is not medically based, recommendations are given to the school based team. The Safe Feeding Team is available for follow up consultation.

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