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**To**: Health Care Providers

**From:** Richard Solomon, MD

**Re:** A New Service for Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Dear Dr.

My name is Rick Solomon. I am a developmental and behavioral pediatrician, and I have developed an evidence-based, early intervention program—called the PLAY Project Consultation model—for young children (18 months to 6 years old) with autism spectrum disorders.

Our NIMH research (see description enclosed) shows that, when compared to parents who provide the usual community services for their child, PLAY Project parents learn how to engage their children more effectively, the children improve more in their social abilities, and most significantly, PLAY children are more than twice as likely demonstrate improvements in terms of autism severity. This is a family-centered, playful approach that fits into the daily life of the child. It can be used as a supplement or complement to school-based services or ABA services. The PLAY Project has been disseminated in the U.S. and is serving thousands of children nationally.

**I’m writing this letter to let you know that you have a PLAY Project Consultation program in your community. I encourage you to refer children, ages 18 months to 6 years of age, who are diagnosed with or demonstrate symptoms of autism to this new resource.** Parents report high satisfaction with PLAY services. AGENCY is a provider in your community. Please visit our website: [www.playproject.org](http://www.playproject.org/) for more information about the model.

It has been my life’s mission to bring an affordable, effective, and practical intervention program for ASD to as many children and families as possible\*. Thank you so much for considering the PLAY Project when you identify young children with autism spectrum disorders in your practice.

Sincerely,

 Richard Solomon, MD

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cc: AGENCY PLAY Project Consultant

**Full Disclosure**: \*I receive funds for training professionals to provide The PLAY Project service. I do not have any financial gain from individual families who participate.