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Dear

We are excited to partner with you and your staff to support _____'s development.

The Indiana First Steps early intervention program uses a coaching approach to support families and caregivers of infants and toddlers from birth up to 3 years of age who are not meeting their developmental milestones or who have a medical condition that may delay typical development.

Our goal is to partner with you and your staff to identify and implement strategies to work together. These strategies will support the child's ongoing development and improve their skills and abilities to participate in daily routines and activities in your program.

Early intervention is most effective when the service provider:

- Works directly with the child in the classroom.
- Works cooperatively with the child's family, teachers and the child.
- Embeds strategies in the daily routines and activities of which the child is learning alongside their peers.

This approach allows us to work together practicing strategies in real time and building skills that teachers can continue using between visits. It also helps us align our support with the goals we're working toward with the child.

Attached is a resource to help you and your staff know what to expect in partnering with First Steps. Please review this information and let me know if there are any additional questions or concerns you may have.

I look forward to collaborating with you and your team.

Thank you,

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