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Leveraging Diversity for Success in the 21st Century



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To Whom it May Concern,

For 22 years, Limitless has been a proud, state-approved provider of summer services for individuals with disabilities. Our highest priority has always been the safety of both our staff and our students. It is with great disappointment that due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the limitations that have been set forth by the state of New Jersey and Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), we have no choice but to move our 2020 summer program to a full virtual model. In the weeks going forward, we will stay open to any changes in policy that may allow us to, at minimum, offer a once per week no-contact, drive-through experience for our students. Just like you, we want nothing more than to be physically back to school.

To plan for the safest, therapeutic, and sustainable services for our families and staff, we are offering a five-week comprehensive online program that is designed to meet the unique needs of each student enrolled to attend. Our multimedia virtual program will continue to support the overall goal of reducing student regression by providing 3.5 hours of live instructional services in real-time and 30 minutes of planned developmental activities that emphasize the continuation of a structured goal-oriented program during this time. The integrated curriculums selected for our program align with curriculum standards, are research-based, and provide coherent learning experiences. Furthermore, activities will still be offered interdisciplinary and intentionally taught to foster naturalistic learning to optimize student success.

A breakdown of our schedule is available to highlight how we will continue to infuse reading, writing, science, and math within our program's developmental framework and our summer calendar displays the selected literacy themes for each grade level that our certified teachers intentionally structure with existing curriculum. Additionally, DIR®, related service, and academic IEP goals will still be targeted during these times by teachers and paraprofessional staff that are mindfully screened, hired, assigned, and trained by our administrative team. Certified related service personnel will continue to provide communal group therapy sessions through our virtual format. These scheduled related service groups will provide our student population with occupational, physical, and speech and

language services in a way that targets their individual goals, maintains acquired skills, and supports a whole-body approach to learning.

For many reasons, Limitless feels that utilizing a virtual framework is the best approach for this year's program. First and foremost, is the health and safety of our staff, students, and their families. The American Academy of Pediatrics suggests that children outside of their usual residents, should not only practice social distancing of at least 6 feet from others, but that they should also not be in contact with surfaces that could potentially harbor the virus. The logistics of sanitizing all areas of our classrooms and common areas after being touched and the limited availability of sanitizing materials at this time further impacts the safety of our students and staff. This is a risk we are not comfortable taking if we can provide equivalent services virtually at this time.

Limitless shares in the disappointment of not being able to be together in person this summer. On the other hand, we are excited about the virtual content that we have created and we are certain that we can effectively support our students in this new innovative way! With that being said, we look forward to continuing to meet the needs of our students and sustaining positive working relationships with all sending school districts and families. We can't thank you enough for your continued trust and support.

Sincerely,

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