Site-specific Learning Objectives

Abilities United

Description
Abilities United is a not-for-profit organization for Bay Area children and adults with developmental disabilities, including mental retardation, cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome, autism, and other neurodevelopmental conditions causing developmental delays. The Infant Development Program at Abilities United is an early intervention program for young children (birth to three years old) with developmental special needs. As parental participation is especially important in early childhood, this program stresses parental support and education.

Address
Abilities United
525 E Charleston Rd
Palo Alto, CA 94306

Resident Role and Expectations
• One half-day experience
• Pediatric residents will function both as observers and, when indicated, as participants in the vocational and educational programs for. Direct supervision will be provided by on-site vocational and educational staff.

Readings (see PubMed, URL, or DBP Handbook)
1. Caronna E: Autism, in DBP: A Handbook for Primary Care
2. Palmer F and Hoon A: Cerebral Palsy, in DBP: A Handbook for Primary Care
3. Pueschel S: Down Syndrome, in DBP: A Handbook for Primary Care
4. Morse B and Weiner L: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, in DBP: A Handbook for Primary Care
5. Hagerman R: Fragile X Syndrome, in DBP: A Handbook for Primary Care

Educational Goals
Abilities United visit prepares trainees to:
• Understand the role of community-based programs in optimizing individual and family functioning in children with developmental delays.
• Advocate for families in obtaining services for children who have or are at risk for developmental delays.

Learning Objectives (associated with ACGME 52 competencies)
Because of participating in the Abilities United experience, residents will develop competencies with regard to:

PATIENT CARE
• PC7. Develop and carry out management plans – implement referrals to Regional Center, understanding the relationship between Abilities United and the Regional Center system
• PC9. Counsel patients and families - describe specific interventions and programs available at Abilities United

SYSTEMS-BASED PRACTICE
• SBP1. Work effectively in various health care delivery settings and systems relevant to their clinical specialty

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- SBP4. Advocate for quality patient care and optimal patient care systems - describe specific interventions and programs available at Abilities United