

CHECKLIST

INFORMATION YOU NEED FROM PARENTS

- Handouts from the Child's Medical Team and Parents to School Personnel Regarding the Child's Illness and Treatment.** These should include basic information on diagnosis and treatments along with possible physical and emotional side effects that may be anticipated. (See Medical & School Data Sheet in back cover.)
- Emergency Phone Numbers.** This should include family and medical emergency numbers; including the primary health care team. You can list the numbers you need on the inside back cover of this handbook.
- Instructions on How to Handle Specific Medical Conditions.** For example: Medications to be given at school which must be in the original prescription bottle-labeled with directions on how they should be administered, notes to physical education teachers, care of catheters and precautions as to the danger of the ill child being exposed to infectious diseases such as chicken pox.
- Practical Information.** Many schools do not permit students to wear hats in the school building. If a child returns to school and wishes to wear a hat because of hair loss, an accommodation can be made and all of the school personnel must be alerted. Often children with cancer are needlessly singled out in front of classmates when teachers are unaware of their special circumstances.
- Information to Prepare Classmates for the Child's Return.** The teacher can be given an example of a classroom presentation, appropriate to age and grade level. (See sample presentations.)