

EMPLOYING A PAEDIATRIC PHYSICAL THERAPIST (PT)

Questions to ask

- **What are your professional qualifications? Do you have any additional training, expertise or experience with.....?** e.g. autism, learning disabilities, physical disabilities, social/emotional problems, developmental disabilities etc. (as appropriate to your child's needs)?
- **What age children do you prefer to work with?**
- **What therapy approaches do you use?** E.g. sensory integration, neuronmotor developmental approaches, multi-sensory, etc.
- **Where would you see my child?** Eg. at home, at an office? If at an office, where is it located and would I be able to see your therapy area? Would you offer any consultations at home or at school?
- **What are your fees and payment expectations? Are there additional costs?**
- **What is your cancellation policy?**
- **What types of therapy situations do you offer?** E.g. Individual, semi-private, small groups. If groups are an option, what size are your groups? Is there a price differential according to the size of the group?
- **What are your hours for therapy?** E.g. daytime, after school, weekends, evenings?
- **What might my child's therapy schedule look like?** E.g. Length of each appointment, frequency of appointments, total number of anticipated treatments
- **What role would I play as a parent?** Do you provide feedback and guidance? Would I have tasks to complete with my child in between sessions?
- **What is your reporting method to parents?**
- **Are you able to give me the names of any professionals who will give you a professional reference?**
- **Do you carry personal liability and malpractice insurance?**
- **Have you had a criminal record check?**
- **Are you a member of the College of Physical Therapists of BC? Do you belong to any professional organizations?**
- **How soon can my child begin therapy?**