

Introduction to the Education Professional Packet

Welcome to the world of CHARGE! As you may have already discovered, CHARGE syndrome is a very complex condition. Every child is different.

Over the years, we have received inquiries from professionals who are, or soon will be, working with an individual with CHARGE syndrome. These professionals are looking for information about CHARGE that is helpful to them. This packet is a brief introduction to CHARGE, its complexities, and some strategies to consider in educational and therapeutic settings. Start with the reprint of the article from **ASHA Leader**, which includes an overview of genetics, clinical diagnosis, ears and hearing, feeding, behavior and education. Then read David Brown's article on **Behavior** in CHARGE. Finally, move on to other sections in this packet, which include tips on how to think about the child with CHARGE and the classroom.

The CHARGE Syndrome Foundation also publishes the <u>Management Manual for</u>
<u>Parents</u>, which covers medical and developmental issues related to CHARGE syndrome.

All of the articles from the American Journal of Medical Genetics <u>special issue on</u> <u>CHARGE behavior</u> are also available.

Please send us feedback: let us know what parts of this were particularly useful, let us know what you would like to have available, let us know if you have come across other helpful materials. Send your feedback to info@chargesyndrome.org.

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