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Hello!

I hope that last month's materials were beneficial in helping with food choices and deciding on physical activities you can do with the family. I wanted to thank everyone who completed last month's survey about the materials you received. All of your feedback continues to help make the program better.

As a parent with a child with autism myself, I know one of the biggest areas of concern can be social skills. The goal of this month's materials is to **provide resources to help improve the social skills** of your child.

With all the information available on the internet, I thought it would be beneficial to provide some tips and resources that have research to back them which we know will help. I have enclosed a list of websites, articles, and book resources that your families may find helpful in addressing social skills with their children. In addition, I have included a **Social Skills Tip Sheet** to address certain areas of social skills.

Recently I have had the opportunity to visit several support groups across the state. Through this, I have witnessed first hand the terrific work that you all do to support the parents in your community. In the coming months, I will continue to visit more support groups. Please let me know if there is other ways that you think KATC can support you. We are just a phone call or an email away. Have a great June!

You can contact me at by email at rich.mancil@louisville.edu or by phone at (502) 852-2629 (or the main line at 502-852-4631).

I look forward to personally meeting everyone across the state.

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