

Dear Maggie and Natalie,

I am writing to state my concern with a new a new child that we have accepted for BASC in 2008.

██████ is a kindergarten child who will be attending the service 4 days a week and attending both before and after school. ██████ has been diagnosed with ADHD, ODD and showing signs of autism.

On the 18-12-07 ██████ came for an orientation with his parents.

In the short time ██████ was at our centre he behaved in a manner that Brooke and I felt was well beyond our capabilities to control as neither of us are trained or experienced in dealing with children of this nature. ██████ in showed no response to instructions or limitation during this time.

On several occasions he ran out of the room, ██████ was pushing the television on its stand and put other children's art work in his mouth that was wet with glitter glue.

My main concern is for ██████'s safety while he is in our care. Our room is not designed for his needs; there are heavy objects that he could pull on top of himself, unsuitable materials and toys and doors he can open by himself which then gives him quick access to a main road. We are not able to have the door locked as it is a hazard if we needed to evacuate the premises in the case of an emergency, which therefore leaves little barriers between our room and the road.

I also worry that with such a demanding child to care for our attention will be taken away from the other children which is both unsafe and un fair. Brooke actually mentioned while he was in the room she was so concerned with his unpredictable behaviour that her attention was purely on ██████ and was oblivious to the other children.

I understand that we will most likely have another staff member on the days ██████ is with us but Brooke and myself are feeling very stressed and anxious as we feel that we do not have the resources or knowledge to care for a child with such needs.

As supervisor of the centre I felt it was necessary to submit this so you are aware of both Brooke and my concerns.

Regards

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