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Guidelines on School Placement Can Open Dialogue Between Parents, Educators

Franklin, TN – Educating multiple birth children isn’t just a matter of “doubling” up the learning. Educating twins, triplets, or more means exploring multiple avenues of placement, instruction, and support.

Multiples of America’s position paper, “Guidelines for the Education of Multiple Birth Children”, outlines those avenues, noting the special academic, social, and emotional needs that can affect multiple birth children in an educational setting. In doing so, it opens the pathway for dialogue between parents and educators, and places a focus on what’s best for the kids.

Specifically, these Guidelines address seven areas that both educators and parents should consider in order to insure the best possible education settings for multiple birth children. Above all, they suggest “schools should provide an atmosphere which respects the close nature of the multiple bond while at the same time encouraging individual abilities.”

“Placement decisions should not be made for the purpose of promoting the children’s individuality or for the teachers’ convenience and ease of name/face recognition,” the Guidelines add. “Successful placement involves a collaborative decision.”

Educators and parents can find the “Guidelines” on the organization’s website under the “Multiples” tab, www.multiplesofamerica.org. Members of local clubs and affiliate members can also download a copy of the “Guidelines” in a brochure format, a booklet about *School Placement of Multiple Birth Children*, and a quick fact paper on “Together or Apart”.

Multiples of America (also known as the National Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs, Inc.) is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization dedicated to supporting families of multiple birth children through support, education, and research. They partner with local support groups, health care providers, researchers, and educators as a part of their work as they endeavor to aid parents of multiples and to raise public awareness of the unique qualities of multiple birth children.