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Dear Families,

Please allow me to introduce myself - I am the new social worker for NF at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and am very pleased to be working with the Neurofibromatosis Clinics Association (*NFCA*). I have been with Children's Hospital for a little over 2 years working with diabetes and rheumatology before moving to the neurology division in September with special focus on NF. I have been working closely with Sinikka Davis, NF MSW, toward this transition and I can say that I'm ready to try to fill her big, compassionate shoes. As a licensed social worker, I am here to assist families with anything related to improving their quality of care. This includes:

- Providing individual, family and group counseling/support because having a child with a chronic illness is stressful;
- Assisting patients with insurance problems and special needs;
- Advocating for patients and their families to get the quality of care their child deserves;
- Connecting families with resources regarding their child's care;
- Interfacing with schools for accommodations and support;
- Minimizing financial stressors by finding alternative solutions to meet needs; and
- Helping parents find answers they need.

I am excited to be a part of the NF team and I'm looking forward to meeting you in person soon. In the meantime, if you have any questions, or if you would like to discuss any of the above supports, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

Sincerely,

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