Answers to Questions from the HEAR. SHARE. ACT. Lunch & Learn August 15, 2023 Topic: I/DD and Health Disparity

Question: Do doctors who see children with I/DD through the Duke Advanced Medical Home Plus Program talk to parents about paid and non-paid supports for their children? With the length of waiting lists, non-paid supports wherever possible will be important.

Response: Yes, doctors and other clinical team members, including the care manager, do talk with parents about paid and no-paid support for their children. We agree these non-paid supports are very important, and helping families know about and connect to these supports is a valuable way we can support families.

Question: Is the "Thriving in Transition" project covering Mecklenburg County?

Response: Yes, the "Thriving in Transition" project funded by PCORI does cover Mecklenburg County. People with I/DD and their families across North Carolina are invited to engage in this project. The goal of this project is to help build sustainable and meaningful research partnerships so that research focuses on the needs most important to young adults with I/DD and their families. You can learn more by emailing <u>thrivingproject@duke.edu</u>.