

# Questions to Ask

**Be prepared to tell the doctor about any problems that your child is having.**

*Consider asking the following questions:*

- ❖ What other kinds of problems could cause my child to have trouble paying attention?
- ❖ How will you decide my child does/does not have these other problems?
- ❖ How will you decide:
  - ✓ If my child needs more tests?
  - ✓ What kind of treatment my child needs?
  - ✓ If my child needs medicine?
  
- ❖ If your doctor decides that medication will help:
  - ✓ How will medicine help my child?
  - ✓ What kind of medicine will help my child?
  - ✓ What dose of medicine will he/she need?
  - ✓ How long will it take for the medicine to work?
  - ✓ Will my child need medicine every day?
  - ✓ What if this medicine does not help?
  - ✓ Are there any side effects to this medicine?
  - ✓ When should I worry or call the doctor?
  - ✓ What should I tell the school or family about the medicine?
  - ✓ How long will my child need to be on the medicine?
  
- ❖ How often does my child need to see the doctor?
- ❖ Does my child need to see a specialist?
- ❖ What kind of action plan should we have for my child?
- ❖ Are there other things that I should do for my child?

## **Check-ups with the doctor**

If your doctor recommends medicine, regular check-ups are important. Plan on seeing your doctor *at least* every three months to make sure your child is making progress.