

Bipolar Disorder & Fear of Harm Educational Summary

Children with bipolar disorder and/or Fear of Harm need special accommodations in school. They have an illness which causes their energy levels and their ability to focus vary from:

- Day to day;
- One season to the next; or from
- One school year to the next.

Our children with Fear of Harm are often highly gifted, but may have difficulty:

- Making transitions; or with
- Distractibility;
- Inattentiveness;
- Anxiety; or
- Being perfectionistic.

Children may also be:

- Sleepy from medications;
- Having cognitive difficulties as a result of them;
- Experiencing learning disabilities; or
- Experiencing executive function deficits.

All of this makes it extremely difficult to:

- Organize;
- Break things down; and
- Accomplish complex tasks.

These challenges complicate learning and the ability to live up to academic demands.