



**ABILITIESFIRST**

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Pediatric Therapies  
Autism Learning Center  
&  
Early Childhood  
Learning  
Center

**Abilities First  
Summer Program  
2022**



***Application Deadline***

***Friday, May 6, 2022 (see application on last page)***

***Funding Deadline***

***Monday, May 16, 2022***



**May 31 – August 12, 2022**

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### **Early Childhood Learning Center (6 weeks to 10 years old)**

Year round Abilities First, Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) enrolls children who are developing typically and those who have differing abilities. Children learn alongside one another and develop caring relationships with teachers, staff and peers. Serving children from 6 weeks old through 10 years, the ECLC has a Four-Star Step Up to Quality Rating, has onsite therapy and special education supports and participates in Success by Six.

### **Summer Fun for Children with Differing Abilities: (ages 3 to 8 years)**

*(May 31 – August 4, 2022)*

A fun and structured experience for children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and differing abilities. The class provides continuity of routines for children already attending a school program during the school year and an initial introduction to a structured school environment for those not currently enrolled in a program. The focus will be on maintaining and developing constructive and imaginary play, following a visual schedule, addressing sensory needs, peer interaction, social skills, positive behaviors, communication and motor skills, all while enjoying many fun summertime activities. The teachers will incorporate their knowledge of therapeutic and behavioral learning in the natural environment.

Time: Monday-Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (ages 2.5 – 5 years)

12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (ages 5 – 8 years)

Staff: 2 to 3 teachers and assistant teachers per classroom,  
Teachers will assess skills and place student in appropriate class.

Cost: \$500.00

### **Individual Therapy: (ages birth to 22 years)**

Individual Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy are available. Therapeutic activities will be specific to the child's needs.

When: Individually scheduled

Staff: Physical, Occupational Therapist and Speech Language Pathologists

Every child will be evaluated for therapy groups and specific program placements. Group placement will be determined based on child's assessment

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### **Reading Is Fun(ages 5 years and up)**

A reading enrichment program suitable for children having completed Kindergarten and older who have difficulty reading. This program uses principles from the Orton Gillingham approach. This method incorporates phonemic awareness (reading phonics, vocabulary development, fluency and comprehension strategies.)

When: Individually Scheduled

Staff: Speech Language Pathologist

Cost: \$500.00 (cost not covered by health insurance)

### **Handwriting Without Tears ® (ages preschool and up)**

A program for children who struggle with handwriting. Techniques from the Handwriting Without Tears ® program will be provided by a Handwriting Specialist, Level 1 Certified Expert to help children improve their writing legibility.

When: Individually Scheduled

Staff: Certified Handwriting Without Tears

Instructor Cost: \$525.00 (cost not covered by health insurance)

## **GROUPS FOR PRESCHOOLERS**

### **Language, Learn & Play Group (ages 2 to 4 years)**

This group provides play-based experiences for children who present with language delays. The group will include therapeutic experiences which foster socialization, communication skills, and openness to sensory exploration.

Time: Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Staff: Speech Language Pathologist and Occupational Therapist

### **School Readiness Group (ages 4 to 7 years)**

This therapeutic group is for children who demonstrate difficulty with Speech-Language skills and other skills needed for academic success in kindergarten and first grade. The group also creates learning opportunities for children to develop classroom social skills and peer relationships.

Time: Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Staff: Speech Language Pathologist and Occupational Therapist

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### **GROUPS FOR SCHOOL AGE**

#### **YOUTH**

#### **Kids Connect (ages 8 to 12 years)**

This social group is best suited for children who are verbal and have challenges with their social communication skills. We will be using the Social Thinking curriculum. The group will provide children the opportunity to learn how to interact with peers. Fun activities will be designed to target flexible thinking, expected and unexpected behaviors, following the group plan, and the size of the problem.

Group placement will be determined at time of evaluation

Staff: Speech Language Pathologists

#### **Teens Connect (ages 13 and up)**

This social group is for teens who are verbal. We utilize the Social Thinking curriculum in planning fun activities which target team work, executive function, increased effective communication interaction.

Group placement to be determined at time of evaluation

Staff: Speech Language Pathologist

### **GROUPS FOR TWEENS, TEENS & YOUNG**

#### **ADULTS**

#### **Friends in STEP (ages 16 and up)**

**(Social Thinking, Executive function, Physical fitness)**

**Friends in STEP** is designed to increase independence with activities of daily living, social communication, fitness, nutrition and problem solving. The group will work on organization and planning by incorporating community outings and utilization of these skills in everyday situations. An evaluation is needed for appropriate placement. Call for available slots.

Time: Tuesday – 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m OR Wednesday – 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

(\*\*Group placement to be determined at time of evaluation)

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- Every child will be evaluated for therapy groups and specific program placements. Group placement will be determined based on child's assessment
- Group availability will be dependent upon the number of registrations received
- Most therapy programs are covered by health insurance except for those identified programs that are not covered. Please call your insurance company for more information
- For program information contact Bettie Rountree, 513-423-9496 Ext. 251 or [bettie.rountree@abilitiesfirst.org](mailto:bettie.rountree@abilitiesfirst.org)



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**Abilities First 2022 Summer Therapy Application Form**  
Therapy Program dates: May 31 – August 12, 2022  
Summer Fun for Children with Autism dates: May 31 – August 4, 2022

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about Abilities First? \_\_\_\_\_

Main concerns for your child: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in the following for my child:

**Individual**

- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Individual Speech Therapy
- Reading Is Fun
- Handwriting Without Tears

**Group**

- Social Skills
- Sensorimotor
- School Readiness
- Summer Fun for Children with Autism

*Therapist(s) will screen or evaluate your child to determine if participation in the Summer Therapy program will be beneficial.*

Current IFSP, IEP and/or evaluation?

If yes, indicate which therapy:

- Yes
- No
- Physical
- Occupational
- Speech-Language

If yes, we will need a copy for our records.

Indicate your funding sources:

- Insurance
- Medicaid
- CareSource
- United Healthcare Community Plan
- BCMH
- Self Pay
- School District
- Family Resources Voucher

*Please note that some insurance companies may cover the cost of individual and/or group therapy for children with a medical diagnosis and statement of medical necessity from your physician. We will assist in processing claims.*

Physician's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have a physician's referral for any of the following therapies?

Please indicate:  Physical  Occupational  Speech Language

Please list all related medical diagnoses:

***Please respond quickly, as enrollment is limited!***

Application form can be mailed to: Abilities First  
Bettie Rountree  
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Emailed to: [bettie.rountree@abilitiesfirst.org](mailto:bettie.rountree@abilitiesfirst.org)

Faxed to: 513-727-3806

If you have any questions, please call: **Bettie Rountree, Program Coordinator**  
513-423-9496 Ext. 251 or 800-378-8612 Ext. 251

***This application form must be at Abilities First no later than Friday, May 6, 2022***