



**ABILITIESFIRST**

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Pediatric Therapies  
Autism Learning Center  
&  
Early Childhood  
Learning  
Center

**Abilities First  
Summer Program  
2020**

**May 26 – August 7, 2020**



*Application Deadline*

*Friday, May 15, 2020 (see application on last page)*



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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 Autism: (ages 3 to 8 years)** *(June 2 – August 6, 2020)*

A fun and structured experience for children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. 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: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (ages 3 – 5 years)

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 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

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

A reading enrichment program suitable for children having completed Kindergarten and older which 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

### **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: \$500.00

## **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

### **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 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Staff: Speech Language Pathologist

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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.

Time: Monday – 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon;  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; and 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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.

Time: Friday 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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.

Staff: Physical/Occupational Therapist and Speech Language Pathologist

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- Every child will be evaluated for appropriate placement. 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 insurance. 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)

*(see application on last page)*



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# 2020 Summer Therapy Application Form

## Application Deadline – Friday, May 15, 2020

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? \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in the following for my child:

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Physical Therapy         | <input type="checkbox"/> Teens Connect (ages 13 & up)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Handwriting Without Tears       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Fun for Children with Autism | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Occupational Therapy | <input type="checkbox"/> Friends in STEP (ages 16 & up)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Language, Learn & Play Group        | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading is Fun                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Speech Therapy       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kids Connect I (ages 8-10)          | <input type="checkbox"/> School Readiness Group          | <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Learning Center |

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

Current IFSP, IEP and/or evaluation?

Yes  No

If yes, indicate which therapy:

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  Other

*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 prescription for any of the following therapies?

Please indicate:  Physical  Occupational  Speech Language

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please state all related medical diagnoses:

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

Application form should be mailed to: Abilities First  
Bettie Rountree  
4710 Timber Trail Drive  
Middletown OH 45044

If you have any questions, please call: **Bettie Rountree, Therapy Services Coordinator**  
**513-423-9496 Ext. 251 or 800-378-8612 Ext. 251 FAX: 513-727-3806**

***This application form must be at Abilities First no later than Friday, May 15, 2020***