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ABILITIES FIRST 2023 SUMMER PROGRAM

Pediatric Therapy



*PROGRAM DATES:
MAY 22-2023-AUGUST
11-2023*

REGISTRATION ENDS MAY 12, 2023

For more information, please contact Bettie Rountree at
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Autism Learning Center
Summer Fun for Children with Autism & Differing Abilities
(ages 2.5 to 8 years)
May 30 – August 3, 2023

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, and 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.

Days: Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd Grade
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

Cost: \$1,100.00

**Vouchers available from your County Board of DD for those who qualify.*

*Scholarships available for those who do not qualify, for a max out of pocket of \$550 per student.**

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

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.

Please call for availability

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PROGRAM OPTIONS

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: \$600.00 (evaluation cost included)

Reading is Fun (Kindergarten 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 phonic, vocabulary development, fluency and comprehension strategies.)

When: Individually Scheduled (limited spots available)

Staff: Speech Language Pathologist

Instructor Cost: \$500.00

The Handwriting Without Tears and Reading is Fun program are not billable through insurance but funding can be sought out through DD Funding

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: Day & Time TBD

Staff: Speech Language Pathologist and potentially Occupational Therapy

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: Day & Time TBD

Staff: Speech Language Pathologist and potentially Occupational Therapy

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GROUPS FOR SCHOOL AGE YOUTH

Kids Connect (ages 6 to 12 years).

These social groups are 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 Pathologists

GROUPS FOR TWEENS, TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS

Friends in STEP (ages 13 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. – 6:00p.m.

Wednesday- 4:00pm- 5:30 p.m.

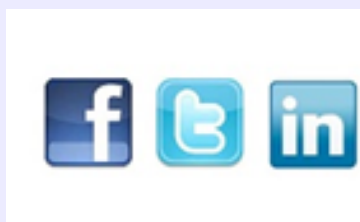
Staff: Physical/Occupational Therapist and Speech Language Pathologist

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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



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Abilities First 2023 Summer Therapy Application Form
Therapy Program dates: May 22 – August 11, 2023
Summer Fun for Children with Autism dates: May 30 – August 3, 2023

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

☐ Handwriting Without Tears

Group

- ☐ Kids Connect
☐ Teens Connect
☐ School Readiness
☐ Language, Therapy & Play
☐ Friends in STEP

☐ 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
4710 Timber Trail Drive
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Emailed to: bettie.rountree@abilitiesfirst.org
(not HIPAA secure)

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 12, 2022