



**St. Nicholas
Center**
FOR CHILDREN

**100+ Children
Annually**

**1,000+ hours average
therapy provided per
week**



Who We Are

We are a nonprofit therapy center that provides services to children age 8 months to 21 years old diagnosed with Autism and development delays and disorders in Southwest Louisiana and Southeast Texas.

We pride ourselves on offering multiple therapeutic services under one roof, so that we can meet the needs of the whole child as we work collaboratively to create individualized goals and action plans.

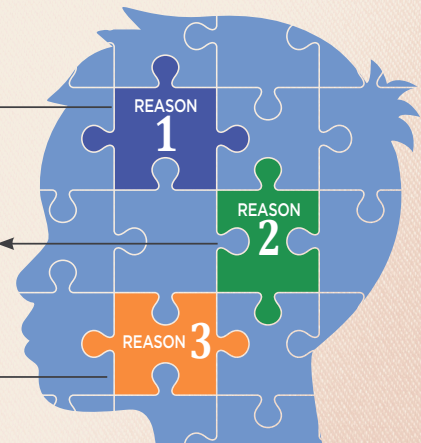
Why We Exist

In 2023, the CDC reports 1 in 36 children within the United States is diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Early interventions can greatly affect the trajectory of a child's life.

An early diagnosis can mean a child gains access to important therapies when they can be the most effective. Without the diagnosis, most insurances will not cover

Therapy is shown to be highly effective on toddlers and young children because their brains have an increased potential for developing new learning pathways.

Children who receive early intervention have improved outcomes and increased success and independence in the long run.



Our Mission

Transforming the lives of individuals with Autism, delays and disorders by providing therapy and family support.



What We Do

We offer early interventions with a wide range of services including Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy. Services are provided in a fun, loving environment by our talented and dedicated professionals.



Programs

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapy:

1:1 ABA intervention provides each child with an intensive individualized program including areas of communication, language development and the reduction of problem behaviors. All 1:1 ABA intervention programs are overseen by a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

Occupational Therapy:

offered as a 1:1 or a consultative service. Services include full developmental and/or sensory integration evaluation, written report and home program. Treatment addresses gross and fine motor skills, sensory processing, visual motor and perceptual skills, self-care skills and therapeutic exercises for strengthening and coordination.

Speech Therapy:

offered as a 1:1 or a consultative service. Speech therapy addresses the areas of language development, articulation, auditory processing, oral motor and social development.

Fun with Foods:

a food acceptance program that incorporates the principles of ABA, Occupational and Speech Therapy in a collaborative setting to address problem feeding and encourage a more varied diet.

Enrollment

We offer a FREE Quick Skills Assessment (QSA) to determine a child's needs and eligibility. To schedule, please contact us at 337-491-0800.

The Need

Autism affects the entire family, and as the number of people diagnosed with Autism increases, so does the need for access to services. We are here to provide acceptance, inclusion, support and advocacy.

Outreach Services

Our Outreach Program offers educational opportunities and emotional support to all of those in the community, so that we can grow together with compassion and confidence.

We provide registered line technicians at local schools, parent/staff trainings and **free workshops** for teachers and daycare providers through outreach services.

We host the annual **Louisiana Autism Conference**, where more than 300 parents, educators, therapists, first responders and others come together to learn practical strategies to work with and care for individuals with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. Workshops cover topics ranging from feeding disorders to dealing with challenging behaviors to implementing strategies and techniques in and out of the classroom.

Everyone is learning about Autism, and Autism is ever changing. When you set aside the time to educate yourself and others, you help breakdown stigma barriers to create a more inclusive environment.

Get Involved

Despite growing awareness, the impact of Autism on the family budget is rarely discussed. To help our children and families lessen the burden, we host annual fundraisers and events—**Wheels of Hope, Boots & Bling, A Brewer's Plate**—as solutions and resources. The gifts of time, talents, and treasures that people and businesses offer our children are vital to our operations and their continued progress!

