

WOW Factor



What a Fantastic Finish to the year! December was filled with WOW Moments and festive community spirit.

We loved spending time in the community at sensory-friendly events and spreading holiday cheer in our centers. As we look back on this year, we are looking forward to celebrating our 15th anniversary with you in 2026.

Check out the December recap below!



Pajama Jam with Santa & Mrs. Claus - Columbia, SC

Check out the [Community Events](#) page on our website for upcoming events!



Community Spotlight: Santa's Winter Wonderland

A Sensory-Friendly Celebration



Holiday events should be joyful for everyone, but they can be tough for kids with sensory sensitivities. That's why we were excited to host our free sensory-friendly Santa's Winter Wonderland all month, creating a welcoming space where every child could safely enjoy holiday fun. We believe all families deserve a celebration that feels comfortable and inclusive.

We took care to reduce loud noises, bright lights, and crowds, making it easy for families to relax and enjoy activities together. With a variety of fun options in a calm setting, everyone could take part and make happy holiday memories.

Families enjoyed an afternoon of festive fun, including face painting, arts & crafts, and a relaxed opportunity for kids to meet Santa and snap a photo; all in a calm, welcoming setting.

An ABS Kids Psychologist was on-site, ready to answer any general questions about autism in a relaxed setting. We loved seeing families connect, have fun, and enjoy the support and community spirit that made the day so special.

Check out some highlights from all our centers across the states.



WORDS FROM OUR CEO & PRESIDENT

As we reflect on the past year and look toward the future, the core of ABS Kids remains our unwavering commitment to the children and families we serve. This dedication has been the driving force behind every success and milestone.

"Our mission to provide high-quality care has been there since our first patient in 2011," says ABS Kids Founder and President Jeff Skibitsky. "Through policy changes, a global pandemic, and profoundly expanding our access to care, our team has been able to keep our mission at the heart of everything you do."

Every achievement reflects the dedication, passion, and expertise of our team. Together, we have made a meaningful impact on the lives of countless individuals. This collective effort is what defines our success and fuels our purpose.

Looking ahead, we are approaching a significant milestone that speaks to the strength and resilience of our organization and its people.

"This year, ABS Kids celebrates 15 years of service to children and their families," says Adam Singer, ABS Kids CEO. "That's something that doesn't happen by accident. It happens with repeated effort from those who set the next bar in quality care."



Adam Singer



Jeffrey Skibitsky

Watch the magic unfold: 2025 in Review

Catch our recap video and read our latest blog, [**ABS Kids 2025: A Year of Growth, WOW Moments, and Excellence**](#), to see some of this year's achievements!

[Navigating Severe Autism with Jill Escher](#)



In this episode, we discuss the realities of profound and severe autism, a critical need for long-term care and housing, and the power of advocacy. Jill's story is a reminder that families are not alone and there are concrete steps you can take to build a secure future for your loved one.

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News Feature!

[What are the best gifts for kids on the spectrum?](#)

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NASHVILLE

Giving gifts is a classic tradition this time of year, and it's important to remember kids on the spectrum have different needs, and some holiday gifts are better than others.

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SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER

This year, our team truly outdid themselves, bringing a wave of festive fun and creativity to our Ugly Christmas Sweater celebration!

It was fantastic to see everyone embrace the theme with such enthusiasm and humor.





Hear from One of Our BCBA's

Hear from Our BCBA: Jennifer Pham

Jennifer Pham, a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) at ABS Kids in Charlotte, North Carolina, is passionate about helping children and families thrive. With a creative approach and a heart for her community, Jennifer is dedicated to making a meaningful impact in the lives of her clients and their families.

Why ABS Kids?

Jennifer's journey into ABA began when she took a job as a Behavior Technician, thinking it would be temporary. However, an inspiring BCBA mentor encouraged her to pursue her RBT certification and eventually become a BCBA. After moving to Charlotte, she found her home at ABS Kids, where she's able to combine her love for helping others with her expertise in ABA.

What It Means to Be a BCBA

As a BCBA, Jennifer creates individualized treatment plans that focus on the needs of both the child and their family. "The client isn't just the child; it's the family too," she explains. Her goal is to improve the quality of life for everyone involved, ensuring that therapy is meaningful and impactful.

Jennifer also loves incorporating creativity into her work, like designing sensory bins to make therapy engaging and fun for her clients.

Impactful Moments

One of Jennifer's favorite parts of her job is seeing her nonverbal clients make progress with their communication devices. "It's amazing how quickly they pick up on it," she shares. "Watching them go from a few words to having full conversations is incredible; not just for the child, but for the family too."



Addressing Concerns About ABA

Jennifer understands that some families may have concerns about ABA therapy. She reassures parents by explaining that ABA is evidence-based and focused on what's best for the child and family. "ABA is all around us, even when we don't realize it," she says. "It's about helping families in ways that are meaningful to them, using proven methods to make a difference."

Why She Loves What She Does

Outside of work, Jennifer enjoys hiking, organizing, and volunteering at community events. Her dedication to helping others extends beyond the therapy room, making her a valued member of both the ABS Kids team and her local community.

Jennifer's commitment to her clients and their families ensures that every child she works with has the tools they need to succeed, and that every family feels supported along the way.



Hear from our Psychologist

Dr. Chelsea Carson, a Clinical Psychologist at ABS Kids in Salt Lake City, Utah, is passionate about helping families understand their children and connecting them with the right services. With a background in autism assessments and family dynamics, she brings a compassionate and personalized approach to every family she works with.

The Power of Evaluations

For Dr. Carson, evaluations are more than just a diagnosis; they're a way to provide clarity and direction. By combining caregiver interviews with playful interactions, she uncovers each child's unique strengths and challenges. "A diagnosis helps explain a child's experience and gives parents a clear path forward," she shares.

One of her favorite moments? Seeing a child say a new word during testing. "I use bubbles to encourage communication, and one child said 'bubbles' for the first time. It's moments like that that make this work so rewarding."

Guiding Families with Compassion

Dr. Carson understands that evaluations can feel overwhelming. She reassures parents that a diagnosis isn't a label; it's a tool to unlock resources and support. "It's about helping families feel understood and giving them the tools they need to thrive," she explains.

Why ABS Kids?

Dr. Carson's passion for autism and family dynamics led her to ABS Kids, where she's excited to fill the gap in autism services and make a difference in her community.

When she's not working, you'll find her hiking, kayaking, or playing board games with her family, and her cats!



El Cajon Magnolia

This school has made a big difference for my son. The teachers truly care and work with patience and understanding. We have seen improvement in his communication and confidence. I am very grateful to the staff and teachers.



Columbia Springtree

My daughter has been going to ABS Kids for about a year now and she has really improved her speech. She has less tantrums now and overall better mood. I would highly recommend this place to anyone who has an autistic child.

Greensboro Meadowview

ABS Kids has been a lifesaver for my grandson, he is learning so much. The staff and therapist there are great, they take the time to help you understand your child better.



Salt Lake City Morris Ave

This place is not just a center; it's like a second home for our child. You are all wonderful, from the staff and supervisors to the administrators. We can't find the words to express our gratitude. This is evident in our son's enthusiasm to go there every day, where he learns new skills. With our sincere love, appreciation, and respect.

WHAT'S YOUR WOW

CHECK OUT OUR
WOW MOMENTS
FROM DECEMBER

Karson Borup

Yesterday, during an episode of maladaptive behavior, my 6-year-old nonverbal client said his first sentence without any approximation. He said, "I want a hug," then opened his arms and gave me a hug! I'm so unbelievably grateful for the chance to help these kiddos grow, it makes my heart warm! Happy Holidays everyone, this was the best present I could've gotten.



CHECK OUT ANOTHER
WOW MOMENT ENTRY
FROM DECEMBER!

Maria Arreola



A huge shout out to our amazing Terra Vista team for working with our kiddos during their gingerbread activities! Your patience, creativity, and enthusiasm made the day so special. Thank you for pouring so much heart into everything you do, our kiddos (and we!) appreciate you more than you know!

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