

ABS Kids

WOW Factor

Welcome to the April edition of the WOW Factor!

This past month has been nothing short of inspiring as we came together to celebrate Autism Acceptance Month. Across CA, NC, SC, TN, and UT we had more than 20 community events, each designed to foster connection, spread awareness, and celebrate neurodiversity.

Huge thanks to our incredible events team and the staff volunteers who made these events unforgettable.

We also featured an inspiring employee spotlight, sharing personal stories from [Alyssa Robinson](#), [Jessica Sircy](#), [Denese Mickelson](#), and [Robin Masciave](#). Thank you for bravely opening your hearts and highlighting the impact we strive to make every day.



Greenville, SC Grand Opening



Chino, CA Grand Opening Sensory Friendly Swing into Spring





**Autism Walk-N-Talk Carnival -
Columbia, SC**



Cox and Garrison Centers at AJ Autism Awareness Walk!

Upcoming Events

May 3rd

**Best Buddies Friendship Walk -
Charlotte, NC**

May 4th

8th Annual Bingo Bash - Greenville, SC

May 9-10th

**Southern Utah Early Childhood
Conference - St. George, UT**

May 10th

**Accessibility Morning at the South
Carolina State Museum - Columbia, SC**

May 14th

**Sensory Friendly Playtime - Raleigh,
NC**

May 17th

**Sensory Friendly Springtime Safari -
Columbia, SC**

**Sensory Friendly Summer Breeze Bash
- Charlotte, NC**

May 19-20th

Generations Conference - Sandy, UT

May 22-26th

**ABAI 51st ANNUAL CONVENTION -
Washington, D.C.**

May 27th

**Sensory Friendly Evenings - St.
George, UT**

May 31st

**Sensory Friendly Swing into Spring -
Raleigh, NC**
**16th Annual Walk with Angels - Lehi,
UT**



**Superhero 5K for Autism -
Fountain Inn, SC**





Cabarrus County Spring Games



NFAR Race for Autism - San Diego, CA



Reaching Milestones. Realizing Potential.



VIP Friendly Egg Hunt - Gallatin, TN



Disability Celebration Day at SCSCM



Walk with Autism - St. George



Sensory Friendly Evening - Rock Hill, SC



We're excited to welcome our new team members in California, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Utah



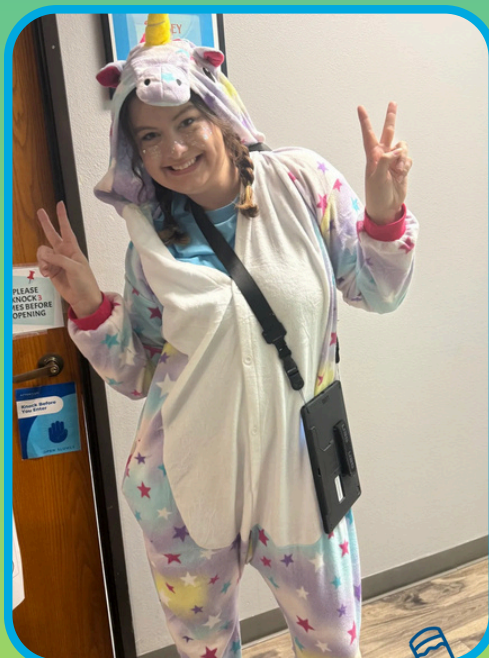




Virtual Office Updates



The Garrison Gastonia team wrapped up Q1 with an exciting adventure at Xtreme Xcape rooms, tackling challenges together and coming out victorious! A big thank you goes to Dr. Bumbrey, for organizing this fun and collaborative experience. What a fantastic way to celebrate teamwork and success!



PET Chat

Our team loves their friends. See some of our favorite pictures from April!



A Message from Paige, CA:

Autism Acceptance Month holds a special place in my heart because of my son, who is autistic. To me, it's about building a world where he has every opportunity to go wherever he wants, pursue his dreams, and be fully accepted for who he is. A world where he is valued and embraced, just like his neurotypical peers.

A Message from Danyelle, NC:

This month is special because it honors our loved ones who have special differences. We should know that even though some may communicate differently we are not separate but one. Special shout out to my nephew and my cousin! I love you!

A Message from Angely, CA:

To me, autism acceptance means actually understanding and supporting people for who they are, not just being aware of autism. It's about making sure everyone feels safe, included, and valued in their own way. Working in ABA, I see how important it is to be patient, listen, and create spaces where autistic individuals can thrive without feeling like they have to change who they are!

A Message from Tammy, TN:

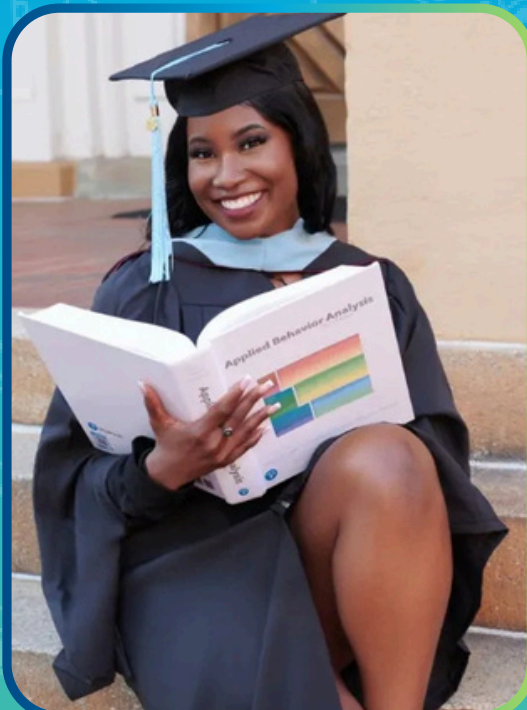
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A Message from Chelsy, UT:

I've always believed that it takes a village. Parents with children on the spectrum find it easier when those around them are more understanding. It should be tolerated when the child next door repeatedly enters your garage uninvited. People with behavioral struggles are often avoided, even if that avoidance is motivated by kindness. There's no reason any community can't be more inclusive. Those who are neurological can make excellent use of even just a little bit more understanding of autism. One step at a time we can help our neighbors reach their potential. Working in ABA will help me grow even as I'm helping others develop.



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A Message from Amerika, SC:

The Night That Changed My Calling

Before becoming an Applied Behavior Analyst, I worked in Adult Protective Services, supporting vulnerable individuals through difficult times. One night, I met an 18-year-old nonverbal young man with autism who had been left at the ER with no family or support. Though I felt unprepared, I sat with him for hours, offering comfort and safety in any way I could.

That encounter changed my life. Inspired to do more for individuals like him, I dedicated myself to studying autism, communication, and intervention methods. That moment led me to my purpose, and today, I strive to be a voice and advocate for those who need one.

Happy Autism Acceptance Month!

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A Message from Terri, CA:

Acceptance and awareness of autism to me - autism is everywhere around us now. It's about being nice, acceptance to individuals- parents and children. Awareness- when seeing people out in the community that may be having to deal with an autistic child's meltdown, etc. Be a good person, remember it's not the child's fault or the parent's fault. Be a good human, they are humans too. I love working with autistic children, it is so rewarding seeing them learn and grow. My kiddos have touched my heart in so many ways. ♥ So be aware and accepting.

May we all strive to bring understanding, acceptance, and support to those who need it most beyond Autism Acceptance Month. Together, we can make a difference.

WHAT'S YOUR WOW

CHECK OUT
WOW MOMENTS
FROM APRIL!

Nicole - CA

My WOW for today: My client and I have been working on removal of electronics, and understanding the amount of screen time is dependent on completing work. Today my client requested what work he wanted to do in order to earn his screen time, prior to even giving up his screen time from his first trial of removal.

CHECK OUT ANOTHER
WOW MOMENT
ENTRY FROM APRIL!



Toni - UT

I just wanted to share my WOW moment, that made me realize I am absolutely in the correct line of work. I started with a kiddo back in November, they were my first client. I was told this kiddo was nonverbal. Well, now five months later, they can say full sentences and will mand verbally before manding with sign language or other nonverbal communication. Their parents also have said they are absolutely thrilled that their kiddo is being more verbal at home as well. This is the biggest WOW moment I have had.

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