

We're so lucky to have you in our community! Your ongoing support and involvement make everything we do possible, and we're truly thankful to have you with us on this journey.

In this month's newsletter, we're sharing exciting updates, useful resources, and standout moments to keep you informed and inspired. We can't wait for you to dive in and see what's new!



### Uplifting Your Community

Sensory-friendly events create inclusive spaces for children with disabilities and their families to connect and enjoy tailored experiences.

**FREE Sensory Friendly Summer Breeze Bash** hosted by ABS Kids in Huntersville, NC, offered sensory activities, a quiet room, and fun attractions like face painting and inflatables.

**Sensory Friendly Playtime at Marbles** in Raleigh, NC, provides a calmer museum experience, plus a free "Lights Up, Sound Down" IMAX movie and on-site support from partner organizations.

These events foster connection, joy, and belonging for all families in our communities.

# August Upcoming Events

**August 1st**

Countdown to Kindergarten -

Spartanburg, SC

Back to School Splash - China Grove, NC

**Augst 2nd**

Sensory Friendly Summer Breeze Bash -

Huntersville, NC

Hunter Park Grand Opening - Riverside, CA

**August 5th**

Sensory Friendly Evening - Rock Hill, SC

Cabarrus County National Night Out -

Concord, NC

**August 7-10th**

South Carolina Chapter of the American

Academy of Pediatrics (SCAAP) Annual

Meeting - Asheville, NC

**August 16th**

2025 Regional Special Needs Expo -

Hendersonville, TN

Back to School Bash - Greenville, SC

**August 23rd**

Sensory Friendly Cosmic Playtime -

Greensboro, NC

2025 York SummerFest - York, SC

**August 24th**

Disability Resource Expo - Greenville, SC

**August 26th**

Sensory Friendly Evening - St. George, UT



Breaking Barriers – All Abilities Festival



Accessibility Morning at SCSM



## The Power of Early Intervention for Autism

Early intervention is a game-changer for children with autism, and Dr. Sarah Brown, a clinical psychologist at ABS Kids, emphasizes its critical role. During her recent interview, she shared how timely support can make a lasting impact:

*"Research and my experience show that the earlier we can provide intervention, the better the outcomes. It's about giving children the tools they need to build confidence and opportunities to thrive while being fully themselves."*

Dr. Brown's passion for helping children and families shines through as she underscores how early intervention fosters essential skills, enabling children to unlock their potential. She is available for autism diagnosis appointments in the Nashville area.



### Hear from One of Our BCBAs: Maddie Mousley

Based at the Health Park Center in Raleigh, NC, Maddie joined ABS Kids after relocating from Utah with her husband. Originally a marketing major, she discovered her passion for ABA when a Board Certified Behavior Analyst spoke in her career class, inspiring her to pursue this meaningful path. As a BCBA, Maddie creates individualized programming for children with autism and supports RBTs in developing their teaching skills.

**"Seeing kids make progress, earning their trust, and watching them come out of their shell is the most rewarding part of my job. Meeting the goals parents set is what makes it all worth it."**

One standout moment in Maddie's career was helping a client reduce elopement and behavioral issues, enabling the family to enjoy a life-changing vacation to Disney. Starting as an RBT, Maddie grew her skills through the ABS Kids LAUNCH program, which gave her the confidence to thrive as a BCBA.



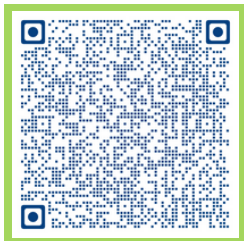
A huge Thank You to everyone who helped make the Vail Ranch Center's opening day such a success!

Special shoutout to the incredible team for all the hard work in getting everything set up for the big day. It was amazing to see so many happy clients and families enjoying the space—it made all the effort so worth it!



**Episode #203**

**Navigating Transitions: A Family's Journey Through Autism with Amy Kelly and Danny Kelly**



Join us as Amy Kelly, National Director of Family Engagement at Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health, and her son, Danny, share their unique perspectives. Amy discusses raising her daughter Annie, who has profound autism, while Danny offers insights as a sibling and member of the Devereux

[Check out Blog on Sibling Perspectives and Family Support in Autism Care](#)

**Check out our latest Blogs!**



**Advocacy, Identity, and Inclusion: Insights from Dr. Dena L. Gassner**



**Empowering Families Raising Autistic Children with Insights from Rachelle Vartanian**



**Starting school can mean big changes, especially for children with autism. Here are simple ways to make morning routines easier and less stressful:**

### **Practice Early**

- Begin the routine 1-2 weeks before school. Gradually adjust bedtime and wake-up by 5-10 minutes a day.
  - Example: Move wake-up time from 8:00 AM to 6:30 AM in small steps.

### **Use Visual Schedules**

- List each morning task—waking up, getting dressed, breakfast, brushing teeth, packing up, and putting on shoes. Visual charts or icons help kids know what's next.
  - Tip: Let your child check off each step on a whiteboard or chart.

### **Timers and Cues**

- Use timers, countdowns, or songs to signal when to move to the next activity.
  - Example: Set a kitchen timer for breakfast or play a “get ready” song before leaving.

### **Rehearse the Routine**

- Do practice runs to make each step familiar. Start with a few steps, then build up.
  - Tip: Role-play key parts like packing the backpack and heading out the door.

### **Reward Success**

- Praise your child or offer small rewards, like stickers or letting them pick breakfast, for completing steps calmly.
  - With practice, visuals, and encouragement, mornings can become smoother and more predictable.

**Check out our 4 back-to-school blogs: [Enhancing Educational Experiences](#), [ABA Therapy & Classroom Skills](#), [Back-to-School Tips](#), and [Parents' Checklist for School to make this school year a success!](#)**



We value your feedback and would love to hear about your experience!  
Share your thoughts with us on Google or Facebook – we truly appreciate your time and insights.

## Temecula Parkway

Very caring and professional. They keep me updated often and are extremely supportive. I look forward to our weekly planning. I'm excited to be working with such a great team and look forward to the future with them.

## Concord Branchview

Our experience at ABS Kids has been wonderful. The staff is amazing and work great with my daughter. My daughter doesn't want to leave in the evenings. She loves it and it is helping her so much!

## Greenville Halton Village

My daughter has learned so much in such little time. Everyone is trained to meet the needs of every child. Tracy is so detailed and loves her profession. She is always motivating and encouraging. You're always greeted with a smile and a detailed run-through of everything done that day. My daughter loves ABS Kids!!! We all love ABS Kids.

## Ogden

They work with me & my son's school to come up with the best plans for his therapy. They are kind & friendly & my son loves his person he works with each day. We have seen improvements in how my son handles the things he struggles with, like loud sounds.



# WHAT'S YOUR WOW

CHECK OUT  
WOW MOMENTS  
FROM JULY!



Nicole Hill

Yesterday my client had more task avoidance and verbal protests then he has had in session for a while. After some extinction and follow through with demands my client completed tasks. Today when I showed up to session my client asked "what work do I need to do to earn phone time, and what work do I need to do to earn white game time" as well as he completed his tasks with no protests and zoomed through all the work.

CHECK OUT ANOTHER  
WOW MOMENT  
ENTRY FROM JULY



Victoria Quiroz-Navarro

My non verbal client said the color red in spanish today!!! We have been working on matching colors for a few months now. I tact the colors as we match them and today he repeated after me!! As some people know, Rs in Spanish are not the easiest to pronounce, so for him to even make an effort with the color red was definitely a WOW moment for us!!

Visit our [Careers Page](#) to find your own WOW moments!  
[Contact ABS Kids to learn more about our services!](#)