



**ABS
Kids**

WOW Factor

Thank you for being such an important part of our community! Your continued support and engagement mean the world to us, and we're so grateful to have you on this journey with us.

This month's newsletter is packed with exciting updates, helpful resources, and highlights to keep you connected. We hope you enjoy exploring all we have to share!



**We were proud to support the inaugural Camp Connection in St. George, Utah.
[Read about the week-long summer camp in St. George News.](#)**





Hear from One of Our BCBAs: Madison Miranda

Hailing from Greenville Halton Village, SC, Madison joined ABS Kids in July 2024. Her passion for creating impactful change led her from social work to ABA, where she found the ability to make a direct difference in people's lives. Madison's role as a BCBA reflects her holistic approach, collaborating with parents, staff, teachers, and clients to foster growth.

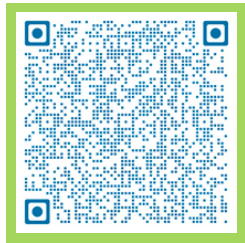
"My heart is in helping others achieve their goals, one step at a time, and seeing progress that truly changes lives."

Earlier this year, she took on a challenging case at a center where staff and clients were struggling. After just three weeks of dedicated on-site support, she helped turn the environment around, with staff regaining confidence and a client thriving under structured guidance.



Episode #193

Drowning Prevention and Autism: Safeguarding Lives with Stacey Hoaglund



Discover essential drowning prevention strategies for individuals with autism in this insightful episode with Stacey Hoaglund, a leading advocate and President of the Autism Society of Florida. Perfect for summer, this discussion equips families with practical tips to ensure safety and peace of mind around water.

[Check out our blog water safety tips!](#)

Summer Tips for Parents Raising Autistic Children

Summertime often brings changes to routines and new experiences, which can be both exciting and challenging for children on the autism spectrum. Here are some practical and supportive tips to help you and your child enjoy the season:

- **Use Previews for New Experiences**
 - Before outings, preview locations with photos, videos, or virtual tours to familiarize your child with what they might see and do.
 - Practice the outing routine at home, like packing a bag or role-playing how to interact with others.
- **Pack a Summer "Toolkit"**
 - Bring items that help your child regulate, such as noise-canceling headphones, fidget toys, snacks, and a favorite comfort object.
 - Don't forget sunscreen and hats for outdoor activities to keep your child comfortable and safe from the sun.
- **Balance Structured and Free Play**
 - Plan a mix of structured activities, such as crafts or baking, and unstructured time where your child can relax and explore their interests.
 - Incorporate physical activities like swimming, yoga, or short walks to release energy and support motor development.
- **Create a Calm Down Space**
 - Summer may bring challenges, but celebrating small victories, like trying a new activity or staying calm in a busy setting, is important for building confidence.
 - Reward your child with praise and reinforcement, such as extra playtime or a favorite treat.

Small steps can make all the difference in creating a smooth, joyful season for your family!

Uplifting Your Community

At ABS Kids, we are committed to creating a more inclusive and understanding world. Here's how our partnerships and initiatives are making an impact:

Collaborating with Local Organizations

- Partnering with groups to enhance autism awareness and inclusivity.
- Highlighting the Family Support Center in Utah for their dedication to supporting families and individuals with autism.

Celebrating Events Like "Walk with Autism"

- Walk With Autism's 'Camp Connection' brings together kids on spectrum for a week's worth of fun | Life | stgeorgeutah.com
- Inspiring support and advocacy through shared activities and a common purpose.

Driving Change and Gratitude

- Empowering families, volunteers, and local businesses to make a difference.
- A heartfelt thank you to everyone joining us in creating a more supportive future.

Through partnerships like these, ABS Kids is helping to build stronger, more inclusive communities.



Family Support Center in Utah



Walk with Autism

Turning play into progress and imagination into impact

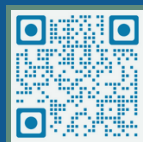
This month, we're excited to recognize Anahi for her outstanding creativity, compassion, and dedication to her client's growth. Anahi goes above and beyond in every session, consistently crafting unique and engaging strategies that spark motivation and joy. Her sessions aren't just effective—they're something her client looks forward to with excitement!

One shining example? Anahi has been creating Lego masterpieces from scratch as part of her therapeutic approach—turning play into progress and imagination into impact. These hands-on, personalized tools are more than just fun—they're a testament to her commitment to making every moment meaningful.



Community Events

Scan the QR code to explore upcoming events and learn how ABS Kids is making a difference in your community.



Check out latest Blogs!

Discover how music helps ABA therapy for autistic kids and explore sibling roles and family support in autism care.



[Autism and The Power of Music with Dr. Scott Price](#)



[Sibling Perspectives and Family Support in Autism Care with Amy & Danny Kelly](#)

July Upcoming Events

July 10
**Sensory Friendly Family
Concert - Midvale, UT**

July 19
**Sensory Friendly Summer Breeze
Bash (Vail Ranch Grand Opening)**
Temecula, CA

July 20
**Greer Farmers Market x
Healthy Day - Greer, SC**



July 23
**Women in Behavior Analysis
2025 Conference - Atlanta, GA**

July 24
AutismTN Pool Party
Gallatin, TN



July 26
**Annual Back to School
Event - Chino, CA**

July 26
**Breaking Barriers: All
Abilities Festival - Lehi, UT**



Sensory Friendly Summer Breeze Bash - Winston Salem

spring social toddler time



SOCIAL SKILLS FOR CHILDREN ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM

This spring, join us for Toddler Time at ABS Kids. This free event is designed specifically for children on the autism spectrum aged two to six. These engaging sessions focused on helping young ones build essential social skills through interactive and fun activities in a warm, supportive environment.

Held as a FREE social skills group at our ABA Therapy Centers across **Charlotte, NC; Columbia, SC; Gastonia, NC; and Greenville, SC;** the program welcomes families to connect and grow together. Each location offers unique dates, ensuring flexibility and accessibility for all participants.

Space is limited; we encourage you to secure your spots by [checking availability online!](#)



Rancho Cucamonga

Absolutely amazing! My child has been receiving ABA therapy here and he looks forward to coming to "school" every day! He loves Mia, his favored BT. She's amazing! She's made such an impact on my son, she takes teaching him and learning his behaviors and unique needs to heart and helps me learn positive ways to help him at home as well

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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.

Nashville Wallace

Me le an ayudado mucho a mi hija gracias

You have helped my daughter a lot, thank you.

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. Plus, feel free to give a shoutout to your favorite employee in your review. Your input helps us grow and continue providing the best support for our families. Thank you for being part of our community!

WHAT'S YOUR WOW

CHECK OUT
WOW MOMENTS
FROM JUNE!



Nicolas Anderson - Utah

I had a truly special moment with my client, who is non-verbal. Over the past few months, we've worked on building instructional control with echoics, and today, she said my name and my team member's name for the first time.

Moments later, as we walked through the classroom, she echoed and tacted everyone's name, even her own. Watching her grow and achieve something I hadn't imagined possible a few months ago was incredible. It's a joy to see her blossoming in ways I never expected!

CHECK OUT ANOTHER
WOW MOMENT
ENTRY FROM JUNE!



Dhara Sheth - North Carolina

When I started working with my client in April, he was mostly non-vocal, using sounds only for preferred items or to ask for help. Last week, he began saying phrases like "Excuse me" and "Help me, please," and surprised me even more when he greeted his dad with, "Hey Dad, how are you doing?"

Two days ago, his mom shared that he's now more vocal at home, answering 'yes' or 'no' when needed. Hearing this progress from her filled me with joy and pride. I'm so happy to see how far he's come in such a short time!

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