

Thank you for allowing us to be a trusted partner in your child's care.

Thank you for making a difference each and every day. Check out this month's WOW Factor for practical tips and community updates as we step into summer!

June Upcoming Events

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June 1st <u>Midlands Family Expo</u> <u>Columbia, SC</u>

June 4-7th Bountiful Chalk Art Festival 2025 Bountiful, UT

> June 7th <u>Sensory Friendly Summer</u> <u>Breeze Bash</u> <u>Winston-Salem, NC</u>

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<u>Family Fun Carnival - St.</u>
<u>George, UT</u>

June 10th <u>Sensory Friendly Night -</u> <u>Rock Hill, SC</u>

June 20th <u>Sensory Night - Columbia, SC</u>

June 24th <u>Sensor Friendly Evening - St.</u> <u>George, UT</u>

June 28th Sensory Friendly Cosmic Playtime - Garner, NC









We are excited to launch our new Centers in Charlotte, NC and Columbia, SC. Our open houses welcomed the community in our new spaces with creative activities and joyful celebrations. A big 'Thank You!' to our amazing teams for their energy and dedication in making these events unforgettable.

Here's to creating more WOW memories together!



Uplifting Your Community

ABS Kids partners with local organizations to promote autism awareness and create inclusive spaces throughout communities.

- Honored hardworking moms at the Mother's Day Walk-A-Thon in Orem, UT with community resources, refreshments, and support for families of children with disabilities.
- Brought families together in Charlotte, NC at the Sensory-Friendly Summer Breeze Bash for inclusive, fun activities like face painting, arts & crafts, and sweet treats.
- Created unforgettable moments in Columbia, SC at the Sensory-Friendly Springtime Safari with engaging activities in a welcoming and fun setting.

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

Impactful Moments from Dr. Andrew Jones

Dr. Andrew Jones, Clinical Director of Psychology, shares how ABS Kids is making a difference:

"The problem we are trying to solve is an issue impacting the entire country. My focus is on ensuring as many children as possible have access to quality diagnostic care and services so they can receive accurate autism diagnoses and begin ABA therapy as soon as possible."

- <u>South Carolina Expansion</u>: ABS Kids recently started seeing patients in South Carolina, where families shared emotional moments of relief and hope after evaluations.
- <u>Reaching Communities Nationwide</u>: In 2024, ABS Kids provided increased access to autism services in Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina, Utah, and California, performing over 3,500 evaluations.

Community Events

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













Charlotte, NC

Real Feedback from Families:

"My kid has been using ABS Kids for more than 3 years. I have seen so much growth in him, including increased social skills, listening skills, coping skills, waiting time, less aggressive behavior, and elopement." - San Diego, CA

"All staff are very friendly and helpful, my daughter goes there and she is developing in all areas so thank you so much." - Charlotte, NC

"I love the treatment they give my children. The eldest loves all the therapists, they are all very kind" - Nashville, TN

Join Us for Sensory-Friendly Playtime at the Marbles Kid Museum

ABS Kids is proud to sponsor this FREE event designed for kids with disabilities and their families. Experience the Marbles Kids Museum in a calmer, quieter environment tailored to your needs. <u>Check out upcoming dates in Raleigh, NC!</u>







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 <u>Charlotte, NC; Columbia, SC; Gastonia, NC; and Greenville, SC;</u> 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 <u>checking</u> <u>availability online</u>!



Hear from One of Our BCBAs: Lexus Johnson

Lexus Johnson, Lead BCBA, emphasizes the importance of personalized care and meaningful progress:

"Every learner is on their own journey. In the last few months, I've seen learners reach huge milestones, like speaking their first words to verbally communicate or becoming independent in various tasks."

Supporting Independence:

Lexus developed a nationwide Life Skills Curriculum, preparing learners for transitions into adulthood with tailored support for independent or supported living.



Episode #168

Transforming Autism Care with Milena Suarez

Milena Suarez shares her journey from Bogotá to becoming a BCBA, using Applied Behavior Analysis to create meaningful change for autism services globally.



Episode #180 Understanding Intent: Navigating Title IX with Neurodiverse Children

Jessica Wilbur and attorney Tessa Muir explore challenges faced by families of autistic children in school settings and how schools, parents, and legal systems can better collaborate to support neurodiverse students.

Helping Autistic Kids Thrive from Spring to Summer

Transitioning into summer can be exciting but challenging. Here are quick tips to support your child during this shift:

• Stick to Familiar Routines

• Maintaining stability helps kids feel safe. Try to keep meal times, bedtimes, and other daily routines consistent while introducing new activities gradually.

• Prepare for Changes Together

• Talk about upcoming plans like summer vacations or events in advance. Use visuals such as calendars or storyboards to help your child understand what to expect.

• Explore Sensory-Friendly Activities

• Seek out local sensory-friendly events or create at-home activities like water play or sand art. These experiences can bring joy without overwhelming the senses.

• Get Outside for Fresh Air

• Visiting parks or taking nature walks can be calming and refreshing. Keep outings short and allow for breaks if needed to ensure your child feels comfortable.

• Celebrate Their Strengths

• Build summer activities around what your child loves, like crafting, music, or puzzles. You can also explore new hobbies together to encourage curiosity and growth.

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

California

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"My son just started therapy the girls are lovely and everyone is nice and polite I'm already seeing changes in my son I get so emotional just seeing his growth Lydia is awesome with him Cynthia is great too would recommend this center to everyone the staff is amazing :)" - Chula Vista Broadway

South Carolina

"I absolutely love it. I love it for my son. He's so comfortable with them. And they are so sweet and friendly. I love how they treat My son with respect and patience Yes; I love it." - Greenville Halton Village

North Carolina

"The team that works with our daughter is nothing short of phenomenal. Miss Ayannah, Miss Angele and Miss Jami's honestly couldn't have handpicked a better group of people. They've helped her grow in so many ways—from improving her social skills and behaviors to potty training and beyond. The progress we've seen is incredible, and the peace of mind we've gained is priceless." - Raleigh Health Park

"My son really enjoys ABS kids. I saw results within the second week of him being there. My biggest concern was leaving my 3-year-old non-verbal son at a place where he knew no one. The ABS staff was so attentive in relieving me of that concern. They are so good at making sure any questions or concerns are addressed & that the parent is comfortable with leaving their child in their care." – Henderson Maple Row

Tennessee

Family Reviews

Utah

"The staff there are absolutely amazing! They care about each and every child there. They go above and beyond to ensure the safety of the kids also which for me is extraordinary!" – Layton N Church







Angel - NC

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!

Victoria - UT

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 <u>Careers Page</u> to find your own WOW moments! <u>Contact ABS Kids to learn more about our services!</u>