

CAROL'S KIDS NEWS

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CHANGES IN THE SUMMER PROGRAM FOR JUNE AND JULY: ADDITIONAL AFTERNOON CAMPS

Already parent request have driven the changes we are making to our summer camp format!

Applied Behavioral Concepts will be hosting TWO camps! One for the morning hours and another for the afternoon hours. This will help parents who require the structure of full day coverage for children who are just not quite ready for full inclusion.

Morning and Afternoon camps will have different curriculum so the children who are coming for the full day will not be bored by repeating the same activities and information.

Camp development is still underway and the topics will be announced within the next few months.

As in our "big kids" camp last

year Justine Seeley will be providing the music instruction this year for our younger child camp.

Justine Seeley is the founder and director of Colors Fine Arts Center, Inc., which provides group and private music instruction to over 375 students of all ages and levels of study.

Piano, violin, guitar voice, woodwinds and Musikgarten developmental classes are all offered at her center. Justine has taught private and class piano for over 15 years. She is the primary Musikgarten instructor, and has held Musikgarten studio certification for eleven years.

Justine has also provided developmental music for the United Cerebral Palsy's sensory camp for the last three years. She is an active member of the Music Teachers' National Association, the National Guild of

Piano Teachers, and the Alabama Music Teacher's Association.

We are also in contact with our Yoga Instructor for last year to determine a day, time and curriculum for providing Yoga in our camp to work on gross motor movements and balance. We also have received interest in adding additional gross motor movements by including dance in our daily curriculum.

We are very excited to plan a quality camp that is also effective in teaching children on the spectrum some new behaviors over the summer months! For more information or evaluation of appropriateness of the program for your child, please call and make an appointment .

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APPLIED BEHAVIORAL CONCEPTS ATTENDS THE UAH CAREER FAIR

Ms. Suzanne Roten and Ms. Juliette Masters represented Applied Behavioral Concepts as a Social Science exhibitor and recruiter at the University of Alabama in Huntsville Career Fair.

While Huntsville usually draws a crowd that is largely

technical, it was remarkable that Applied Behavioral Concepts was the only Social Science exhibitor for the field of Education and Psychology. "Target Distribution Center was the closest to the Liberal Arts field—and that was the only other exhibitor anywhere close to a Social Science". said Juliette Masters.

Suzanne (alum) and Juliette (Senior majoring in Psychology) also distributed information for the Premier Schools to students in the Education department. For information on Mentoring and Employment, please refer to our web-



Autism Walk to be held at Chapman Elementary School

The Annual Walk for Autism will be held at the Chapman Elementary School. Applied Behavioral Concepts team members plan on coming out and walking for the cause and we invite YOU and your family to join with us.

“Starbucks will be providing coffee.” said Suzanne Roten. “Starbucks has been very supportive of events which help children with delays, such as providing coffee and prizes for the Casino Night which benefit the Autism Resource Foundation.” she continues.”

Those walking on “TEAM ABC” will be provided purple shirts in addition to the shirts from the Autism Society.

We are asking for corporate sponsors to offset the cost of walking to the families.

In addition to finding out community resources information you can do some shipping. There are adorable autism theme bags offered by the Hallman Family and handmade Jewelry sold by Mrs. Rinkel.

Registration for the event begins at 8:30am and the walk begins at 9:00am. Proceeds of the walk will be given to the Autism Society of Alabama.

The Autism society is one of the many resources available for information for parents. The Alabama state chapter is housed in Birmingham and a North

Alabama Chapter has meetings in Huntsville (see contact information below or on our website). The monies received at the walks around the state will go for providing information to families and to offset the cost of conferences which are usually free of charge to families. A conference will be held in the Huntsville area at the Whitesburg Baptist Church. Conferences, such as the 2007 *Making Connections* conference, offer several presentations on topics specifically geared for families and the paraprofessionals working with students with special needs.

Come on out and join the families and employees of Applied Behavioral Concepts as we walk for a good cause!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Walk for Autism: will be held on April 12 at 8:30am at the Chapman Elementary School in Huntsville. For more information, see Kim Cantrell at the Bradford facility or Suzanne Roten at the Slaughter Road facility. Remember to contact your company to see if they will be willing to sponsor an Applied Behavioral team of eight for a two hundred dollar (tax deductible) donation to the Autism Society!

Making Connections Parents meetings

For information about Making Connections call Debbie

Bumbika at 256-885-5959 . Childcare is available on a first come first served basis.

North Alabama Chapter of the Autism Society

Held at the Jane K Lowe Center, on Lowe Circle. Child care is available. For more information call Carol Wright 256-880-1239 or visit www.autism-society.org/chapter101.

The Autism Resource Foundation offers help for families in the Huntsville area. The mission of ARF is to provide a financial and family support network. For information or to support the mission, please contact Jeff at 714-8464.

Please welcome several new staff members! If you see some new faces walking around our hallways, please in-

troduce yourself! Why? Because Applied Behavioral Concepts is preparing for our summer camp and we welcome back some last summer camp along with some new team members. For biographies on our employees, please visit our website.

Parent training held on March 17th at Bradford was a success and several parents have approached us expressing interest in our follow up training. The second presentation (part two of two) will be done on April 21 (6:00pm) at the Slaughter Road location! No reservations needed however, chairs are limited so come early to be sure to get seating!

SPOTLIGHT ON MADISON BROOKS

Ms. Madison Brooks is a student at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. A native of the North Alabama area, Madison attended the Buckhorn High School graduating in 2004. She joined Applied Behavioral Concepts in May of 2007 and has expressed an interest in continuing her education in the field along with her studies in the department of Psychology.

“This position has opened my eyes by showing a whole new world of caring and achieving something that is really worthwhile. It has given me some-

thing to strive for and has found its place in my heart. This job and these kids have really given me meaning in my work,” said Ms. Brooks.

To further this goal, Ms. Brooks is very involved in training our new staff. She has become proficient in explaining all of the components of ABA that we have in our facilities, specifically the Discrete Trials, Incidental, Play skills and Inclusion with typical peers that we are able to offer our clients.

When she is not serving her clients at the Bradford location and at Mt. Carmel Elementary school, Ms. Brooks enjoys water aerobics and working out. She also competes in trivia with her friends at the Third Base Grill. She also enjoys visiting with family and friends.

Most of our parents recognize Madison by her friendly smile and her easy way with the children in our care. Stop by and say hello to Madison when you are on the campus—and be sure to ask her for a business card!.