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What's been happening?

Our focus for April was Autism Acceptance Month and we recognized the month by sponsoring a poster competition and by participating in the Statesboro Main Street Farmer's Market.

We want to give a huge THANK YOU to our community partners that donated for our poster contest prizes!

- Rolling Monkey
- Tormenta Stadium,
- Statesboro Herald
- Cork's Popcorn
- Bulloch First
- Dolan's Bar B Que
- The Clubhouse,
- Renasant Bank

- Patterson's Station 67
- Statesboro Pediatric Dentistry
- Ogeechee Technical College
- East Georgia Regional Medical Ctr.
- Statesboro Urgent Care



The Farmer's Market was a success! Our table provided information, Autism Awareness bracelets and pinwheels to those who stopped and talked with our Board Certified Behavior Analysts. Being at the market was a great way for us to get the word out about autism.

Project Updates

American Academy of Pediatrics CATCH Grant

At the end of April, we had the honor of presenting our Autism Awareness training to our first group of Department of Juvenile Justice Staff. Feedback was provided and we feel confident that we are providing necessary training that is helpful to those working with juveniles in the justice system.

Our next steps are to begin reaching out to other counties to share this training. If you know someone from the juvenile justice system that may be interested in this training, please email the Resource Center at info@behavioral-pediatrics.com.

Department of Family and Children Services

Throughout the month DFCS staff participated in a video training session and live question and answer sessions via Zoom. So far, we have had over 550 staff members that have watched our training video and over 170 that have attended the question and answer sessions. DFCS has also determined the training is important and will make it a part of the onboarding process for new hires. This is exciting news for the Resource Center.

What's Next?

Summer is Almost Here!



School is almost out for summer and that means it's time for summer camps to open. The Resource Center is happy to be working alongside the Bulloch County Recreation Department. We will be training summer camp staff in autism awareness and working with children with autism and ADHD prior to summer camps opening. This is a great partnership for our local children. We are sure the training will be beneficial to camp staff.

You can help make this our best training ever through your donation to the Resource Center! Visit our website at behavioral-pediatrics.org and click on the donate tab or you can mail a check to 406 Savannah Ave. Statesboro GA 30458. We are a 501c3 so all donations are tax deductible.



Help Needed!

The Resource Center is in the process of creating videos that will bring training and give ideas and information on autism, anxiety and ADHD. We are searching for someone that can help us produce these videos. If you know someone that may be interested or have any ideas, please send your information to info@behavioral-pediatrics.org. Thank you!

Books We Love!



Mrs. Gorski I Think I Have the Wiggle Fidgets: An ADHD and ADD Book for Kids with Tips and Tricks to Help Them Stay Focused

Adventures of Everyday Geniuses)
by Barbara Esham (Author), Mike Gordon (Illustrator)

This book is the winner of the Academics' Choice Gold Seal, Mom's Choice Award and the Gold Parents' Choice Award. It tells the story of David who has difficulty paying attention in class because "ideas just pop in my head". But David devises a plan to help him with his wiggle fidgets.

Check it out as a read aloud on You Tube!

https://youtu.be/dyFwQh_gA8M

Sharon Shares!

Autism is real. It's a reality that is all around us and sometimes we don't even realize it. It is not curable or something horrible. Having worked on the presentation for our CATCH grant I realized that there are so many talented and incredible people that have autism. They are singers, song writers, entrepreneurs, actors, and multi-billionaires. They are men and women, boys and girls.

People with autism aren't trying to be loud or difficult. They aren't trying to make you feel bad or trying to get a laugh when you say, "It's raining cats and dogs" and they look puzzled because they think cats and dogs are coming from the sky.

I thought I knew so much about autism. But it turns out, I didn't. I am sure that each of us has seen it and not recognized it. I am sure that maybe there is someone in our closest circle of family and friends that either has it or has been touched by it.

So why am I writing this? Because it shouldn't take a diagnosis to make someone become aware. Acceptance is the key and the only way we can really accept someone with autism is to be aware of the characteristics and understand.

Some of the people I have come across that have autism are some of the most amazing people I know.



GSU Partnership

The Resource Center is fortunate to have a partnership with the Service Learning Course Partners at GSU here in Statesboro. Georgia Southern students have been assisting us with creating info graphics, like the one to the left, about autism, ADHD and anxiety.