

touchstone

PARENT NEWSLETTER

May 2022

Summer Travel Plans?

Preparation is the key- preparing our children and ourselves. Find out if your destination options are "autism friendly" — What accommodations do they offer? What pre-planning services do they provide? Are staff trained in autism awareness? Are they willing to meet your families' specific needs? Some airports, theme parks, and other travel destinations now have sensory friendly areas and/or hours. We can help prepare our children for travel by showing them what to expect and when — use calendars, pictures, write stories, use daily or event schedules to talk about what's coming next. Written or picture schedules can help children see what's next and gives parents an opportunity to talk about expectations.

Most importantly, while travelling, *notice* and *be lavish* with your praise and attention when your child is doing well – positive reinforcement increases the likelihood your child will do those good things again and it also focuses our attention on the small joys and successes which can contribute to a memorable vacation. If you'd like to talk about your specific travel concerns, contact Angie Lanoux to set up a meeting with your child's BCBA. alanoux@tc-aba.com

UPCOMING FAMILY GROUP MEETINGS- Join us in person!

Lafayette- Monday, May 9 2:00- in person, PLEASE RSVP to Angie, and online

New Orleans SMSS- Saturday, May 14 at 10:30am- in person

Houma/Thib/NO- Tuesday, May 17, at 9:30am and 12noon - online

Thibodaux - Tuesday, May 17, at 5:30pm in person

Houma - Tuesday, May 24 at 5:30pm in person

Hammond –Thursday, May 12 at 8:30am and Thursday, May 26 at 2:00pm- in person. Spanish translation available

Baton Rouge Pre-K- Wednesday, May 11 at 2:00pm – in person and online

Baton Rouge School-aged- Wednesday, May 11 at 8:45am in person and online

In -person meetings: please wear a mask and practice social distancing, please refrain from attending if you have any symptoms of illness

Online: Angie Lanoux will send a ZOOM link prior to the meeting

We look forward to seeing you!

Touchstone ABA will be closed Monday, May 30 for a Staff Professional Development Day





TO OUR NEW FAMILIES!

Please reach out to us to schedule your first meeting!