

## Meet the Touchstone Team

### This month's BCBA is...

Lauren Becnel, BCBA, LBA, Teacher II



Lauren Becnel is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, a Licensed Behavior Analyst and has earned the rank of CABAS Teacher II. She has been with Touchstone for three and a half years and in 2015 opened Touchstone's Hammond location; Hammond's first ABA center.

Lauren graduated from LSU, and after staying home to raise her children, she enrolled in the Nicholls program and became a BCBA in 2014. Lauren notes that motherhood changed her interests from economics to working with children. She says "Investing in children is always good for the future."

When asked what she loves most about her role with Touchstone, Lauren replied "I love that we improve client's lives, when we teach skills that enable a family to participate in activities such as going out to eat or to church services that were too challenging before ABA, I feel purposeful and empowered."

In her free time, Lauren enjoys traveling, cycling and photography. She is also currently working on her CABAS Master Teacher rank.

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## Online Resources



Touchstone: [touchstoneaba.com](http://touchstoneaba.com)

Comprehensive Application of Behavior Analysis to Schooling (CABAS®): [cabasschools.org](http://cabasschools.org)

Association for Science in Autism Treatment (ASAT): [asonline.org](http://asonline.org)

Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB): [bacb.com](http://bacb.com)

Louisiana Behavior Analysis Association (LaBAA): [labaa.net](http://labaa.net)

Autism Legal Resource Center: [autismlegalresourcecenter.com](http://autismlegalresourcecenter.com)

Autism Speaks: [autismspeaks.org](http://autismspeaks.org)

## A Note from Dr. Gautreaux

Touchstone Families,

We are excited about the New Year and look forward to what 2019 has in store for your family. Our Touchstone clinical staff continue to be part of a worldwide research consortium which has led the field in the areas of verbal behavior and complex skill acquisition. What this means for you and your child is that there are new research findings, new treatment protocols, and exciting advances in technology. It's very important to be in tune with the multitude of options we offer for parent involvement: monthly group meetings, individual sessions at your convenience, center observations, and sessions in the home and community.

Lastly, it's quite important to be knowledgeable about your child's treatment plan, instructional objectives, and intervention protocols. Ask questions, read, get involved in a demonstration lesson. Sometimes it may seem that there are so many different things to focus on but when it comes down to the measurable outcomes, it's the treatment plan and how it's implemented that will allow for lasting change for your child. We are committed to the best possible outcomes for your child and believe that a team approach is the best way to get those outcomes. Wishing you all a happy and healthy new year!

Dr. Gautreaux

