

Updates from Dr. Gautreaux



Parents and Family Members,

While Touchstone provides various options for individual and group parent meetings, I recognize that environmental variables often make it difficult for families to attend. To better meet our family's needs, I am excited to announce that Touchstone ABA will now be providing additional parent/caregiver educational and coaching opportunities through an online telehealth system called BLINK. BLINK is a secure, encrypted, online, HIPPA compliant service delivery system that will allow parents and caregivers to receive education and coaching supports in real time from the comfort of your home. The availability and coverage of online parent education services is determined by your insurance company.

It will take us some time to get families active, but if you'd like to find out if this service is covered for you, please contact Janice Huber at jhuber@tc-aba.com or (337) 526-5231.

The addition of telehealth parent/caregiver options will expand our family support services and enable us to better support you and your family's needs.

Also this month you will be receiving our semi-annual Satisfaction Survey. Please take a few moments to complete. Your input is valuable and critical as we constantly strive to improve our services.

Thank you,
Dr. Gautreaux

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THIS MONTH'S FAMILY MEETINGS

Houma 7/24 Group Meeting at **8:45am**
Thibodaux 7/25 Group Meeting at **6:00pm**
Baton Rouge 7/25 at **1:00pm**
Hammond 7/18 Group Meeting at **5:30pm**
Hammond 7/19 **8:00-11:00am Individual Meetings**
Lafayette 7/26 Group Meeting at **8:30am**
New Orleans -TBD

Group sessions are open to any Touchstone parent or other legal guardian. Other caregivers may attend *with* parents/guardians. Please refrain from bringing children to the group meetings. Individual sessions can be conducted at the centers, in the home, or in the community, and address your child's specific needs.

Join Us! If you are unable to attend the monthly meetings, please contact Angie Lanoux at: alanoux@tc-aba.com to set up individual meetings.

Legislative News

ACT 274 Signed into Law

The act requires each public school superintendent and each administrative head of charter schools to create a special education advisory council to provide advice and feedback regarding special education policies, procedures, and resources.

Each superintendent or administrative head is required to have **50%** of the membership of the advisory council be parents or guardians of students with exceptionalities enrolled in their district, in elementary, middle or high school. The council is to meet at least three times per year. The councils must be created by January 1, 2020.

If you are the parent or guardian of a child receiving special education services in the public school system and are interested in serving on the committee, contact your local school board to let them know! We need parents receiving ABA services to have a seat at the table!

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