

PARENT NEWSLETTER

May 2021

Transitioning from ABA to School Services FAQ

For new families, conversations about transitioning out of ABA may seem premature, but a transition plan is a critical component of a client's treatment plan.

Why do we need a transition plan?

- Helps caregivers understand the overall goal of services which is to enable a child to benefit from an eventual school placement
- To identify the goals and criteria for transitioning to school
- To know what to expect when nearing discharge from services

How is the transition plan developed?

- With your input! Identifying the goals that indicate your child is ready to transition out of services to a school placement is a team effort
- Once developed, it becomes part of your child's treatment plan

When does transition out of services occur? The most common reasons are:

- The client no longer requires services- he/she has met transition goals
- The client is no longer benefitting
- The client requests discontinuation

What does the transition plan include?

- The projected discharge date
- The plan for fading direct service hours (e.g., decreasing frequency of session days, time, setting transition, etc.)
- Community resources for addressing remaining areas of need
- Coordination of care with schools and other service providers

We understand that transitioning out of ABA services may bring with it uncertainty about school "next steps" for your child. If you have any questions, please let us know! Angie Lanoux can set up a meeting with your LBA to discuss your child's plan, alanoux@tc-aba.com



All Touchstone ABA centers will be closed Monday, May 31.

THIS MONTH'S FAMILY MEETINGS

Houma/Thibodaux 5/26 Group Meetings at 9:00am, 12:00pm, & 5:30pm

New Orleans Contact Angie to schedule 1:1 meetings Baton Rouge - contact Angie to schedule 1:1 meetings Hammond 5/10 online Group Meeting at 11:00am Lafayette 5/20 online Group Meeting online at 1:00pm

Group meetings this month are currently being held online. You will receive an email with a link to join the meetings. Join Us! If you are unable to attend your monthly meetings, please contact Angie Lanoux at: alanoux@tc-aba.com to set up individual meetings

In Center Session Observations NOW AVAILABLE AGAIN!

Parents, if you'd you like to observe your child's session, please contact Angie Lanoux to schedule. Center visitors will be screened for COVID symptoms and temperature.

Masks are required.



May New Family Orientations

Please join us for **one** of the following orientation sessions:

Monday, May 17, 9-11am Saturday, May 22, 9-11am Sunday, May 23, 1-3pm Wednesday, May 26, 9-11am

Please contact Angie Lanoux at alanoux@tc-aba.com or jhuber@tc-aba.com to register.

We'll review Touchstone procedures, introduce ABA principles and procedures, and answer any questions you may have about your child's services. Please call Janice Huber, Parent Educator at (337) 526-5231 with any questions. Sessions will be held online via ZOOM. If you are unable to attend one of the sessions above, please contact Janice – we can schedule a session that works for you!