

Happy New Year
2023



Family Support Team Adds Caregiver Sessions

Touchstone is excited to announce additional opportunities for our families to learn about behavioral strategies to address common family challenges. Dr. Carmen Broussard will be conducting monthly online sessions beginning in January.

Dr. Broussard will present the following online via TEAMS. Please email Angie Lanoux at alanoux@tc-aba.com to register for these sessions.

January 26 at 9:00am: *Preparing for and Managing Public Outings*

February 23 at 6:00pm: *Helping Siblings Get Along*

March 30 at 9:00am: *Bedtime and Sleep Routines*



Dr. Carmen Broussard

Dr. Broussard is a Licensed psychologist with expertise in providing behavioral therapy to families and children to address behavioral, developmental, and emotional needs.

THIS MONTH'S FAMILY MEETINGS

Hammond 1/17 Group Meeting at 8:30am in person

Thibodaux 1/17 Group Meeting at 8:45am in person

Houma 1/18 Group Meeting at 8:45 in person

Baton Rouge SLA 1/19 Group Meeting 8:45am in person

Baton Rouge Pre-K 1/19 Group Meeting 1:00 in person

Lafayette 1/18 Group Meeting at 8:30am in person
All New Orleans/Houma/ Thibodaux Online Meeting 1/19 at 9:30am and 12 noon – online only via TEAMS

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.

Parent Collaboration Support:

Houma/Thibodaux/NOLA- Paula White at pgwhite@tc-aba.com

Baton Rouge/Lafayette/Hammond- Mary Johnson at mjohnson@tc-aba.com

Janice Huber at jhuber@tc-aba.com

Carmen Broussard at cbroussard@tc-aba.com

Legislative News

In August of 2022, Act 210 went into effect, a new law that added an "autism spectrum disorder" designation to special state identification cards. The rules had already been changed for driver's licenses to have an autism indicator, but many persons with autism do not drive. Also included in the law is the requirement for law enforcement officers to participate in training to learn more about autism and strategies for interactions. Contact your local DMV for more information on the special ID card. To view the law: [Act 210](#)



Please be on the lookout for the 2022 Satisfaction Survey to be sent home and emailed in early January. Let us know how we can improve our services and what topics you would like to learn more about!

Touchstone is committed to providing a variety of opportunities for you to participate in your child's ABA treatment and we value your feedback!