



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we enter the summer months, we understand that some families will be taking vacations. While we certainly support the benefits of taking family vacations, we want to remind families that frequent weekly absences impact the ability to provide the prescribed dose of ABA treatment, authorized by your insurance company. When clients are not attending on a regular basis, they are not receiving the treatment dosage for the best outcomes. Reduced attendance means fewer opportunities to learn new skills which often results in slower progress. Insurance companies will often reduce or deny continued treatment when this happens. At times, we also have to make decisions about whether we can continue providing treatment to a client that has frequent absences. To support your child's ABA treatment, a few reminders:

- ABA treatment hours are determined by the needs of your child so he/she can make the most progress possible
- Attending the full number of hours of treatment increases opportunities for progress
- Attending the full number of hours of treatment is a primary concern of your insurance company for continuing to pay for treatment
- Before and when your insurance company expresses concerns to us about progress or attendance, we will reach out to you to set up a meeting to discuss
- We will always advocate your child's recommended treatment with insurance companies, but they make the final determination often based on continued need and progress
- If you are having difficulties with attendance, please reach out to your child's behavior analyst or contact Angie Lanoux to set up a meeting; alanoux@tc-aba.com

Thank you for entrusting us with your child and please let us know if you have any questions,
Touchstone ABA

THIS MONTH'S FAMILY MEETINGS

Houma 7/19 Group Meeting 8:30am in person

Thibodaux 7/19 Group Meeting 8:30 in person

New Orleans 7/22 Group Meeting 10:30am in-person. 900 Camp St, 3rd Floor, NO, LA 70130
Getting Ready to Go Back to School

Baton Rouge Pre-K and SLA 7/12 Group Meeting at 1:00

Lafayette 7/19 8:30 We will send out a flyer with details *this special Splash Time event*

Hammond We are scheduling a guest speaker from Families Helping Families – be on the lookout for more details

Houma/Thib/NOLA Online 7/19 12:00 and 6:00

Dr. Carmen Broussard Online Series for all families:

7/6 9:00 *Increasing Play & Leisure Skills*

7/13 12:00 *Tips for Travel*

8/3 9:00 *Safety First!*

Dr. Broussard's sessions are held online via TEAMS, contact Angie at alanoux@tc-aba.com to register

Group sessions are open to any Touchstone parent or other legal guardian. Other caregivers may attend *with* parents/guardians. 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.



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