



Good News for Louisiana Public School Students -ACT 745

This past June, the governor signed House Bill 872 into law which became Act 745. Act 745 amends and reenacts a previous law related to behavioral health services (including ABA) for public school students during the school day. Highlights of Act 745 include:

- Public school authorities “shall not prohibit”:
 - a behavioral health provider from providing medically necessary services during school hours if parents and guardians request those services from the family’s provider.
 - evaluations, assessments, or treatment plans from being delivered on school property to establish medical necessity or deliver medically necessary services.
- Schools must adopt a public policy regarding Act 745 and the policy “shall not create onerous requirements” for providers that delay or create a barrier.
- School administrators and providers must work collaboratively to meet the needs of the student.
- Act 745 specifies that dispute resolution process and rules will be developed by the Department of Education to be used when parties “cannot agree” on a student’s plan.
- September 1st is listed in the law as the deadline to begin the rule making process.

The intent of Act 745 is to remove or reduce existing barriers for families requesting ABA services during school day hours when clinically indicated and medically necessary for the student. The law also specifies the criteria for families, providers, and schools to meet for ABA to be provided in public schools. To read Act 745, [click here](#).

IN PERSON GROUP MEETINGS

Houma: October 31, Trick or Treat Family Event – Be on the lookout for more information

Thibodaux: October 28, Trick or Treat Family Event – Be on the lookout for more information

Baton Rouge School Readiness/Pre-K and SLA: October 31, Trick or Treat, Be on the lookout for more information

Lafayette: In Person October 22 at 1:00pm: Managing Community Outings with Your Child

Hammond/Northshore: In Person October 15 at 8:30am: Managing Community Outings with Your Child

NOLA: In person October 12 at 10:00am: Managing Community Outings with Your Child

ONLINE GROUP MEETINGS

Houma/Thibodaux/NOLA- Virtual Group- October 24 at 9:30am, 12noon and 6:00pm: *Tips to Make Fall Outings Fun and Safe* [Click ZOOM LINK](#) or [here](#):

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86885657742?pwd=7JXZlwiZaCHi9b1o gmP0aVMBvWkdt0.1>

Dr. Carmen Broussard Online Series for all families:

October 3 at 9:00am *Holiday Strategies*
October 7 at 12noon *Safety Strategies*
[ZOOM LINK](#) or [Scan the QR code to join!](#)



Join Us!

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