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June Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We' ve had an amazing start to the year and we are I excited for the summer! We know this can be a busy time, so if you have not already done so, please message our scheduling number with any dates that you know your child will be missing this summer. As the days get warmer, we will begin offering water days at our Aurora clinic. Be on the lookout for reminders to pack your child a bathing suit if they want to participate. At our Denver location, we will begin walking over to the playground across the street weekly!

Clinical Corner

POSITIVE REINFORCERS

A positive reinforcer is something a child likes or enjoys that is given right after a behavior to help increase the chances that the behavior will happen again.

Simple examples:

- Praise: "Great job cleaning up!"
- A favorite toy or activity
- Stickers or small rewards
- Extra playtime
- Hugs, high-fives, or attention

For example, if a child asks for help calmly and then receives praise and help right away, they are more likely to ask calmly again in the future.

Why it' s important:

- Helps children learn new skills
- Encourages positive behaviors
- Builds confidence and motivation
- Makes learning more enjoyable
- Strengthens communication and social skills

In ABA, positive reinforcement is one of the main ways we teach and encourage helpful behaviors in a supportive and encouraging way.

Parents can use positive reinforcement at home by noticing and rewarding behaviors they want to see more often. The reward does not have to be something big — even attention, praise, or a favorite activity can be very powerful.

Here are some simple ways to use it at home:

- Give praise right away
- Example: "I love how you put your shoes away!"
- Reward small steps
- If a task is hard, celebrate progress, not just perfection.
- Use things your child enjoys
- Favorite snacks, toys, screen time, stickers, music, or extra playtime can all be reinforcers.
- Be specific
- Instead of saying "good job," say exactly what they did well:
- "Great job using your words to ask for help."
- Stay consistent
- The more consistently positive behaviors are noticed and rewarded, the more likely they are to happen again.
- Keep it positive and fun
- Learning happens best when children feel encouraged and successful.

Examples at home:

- Cleaning up toys → praise or extra playtime
- Using calm words → attention
- Following directions → sticker or preferred activity
- Completing homework → choice of a fun activity afterward

Positive reinforcement helps children feel successful, understood, and motivated to keep practicing important skills.

Upcoming Events

- Weekly themes
  - 6/1-6/5 Pond
  - 6/8-6/12 Camping
  - 6/15-6/19 Father' s Day
  - 6/22-6/25 Dinosaurs
- 6/4 Lockdown Drill
- 6/12 Popsicle Party
- 6/19 CLOSED FOR JUNETEENTH

Please reachout to the scheduling number with any questions: (720) 335-5613

Special Event

2026 Neurodiversity Resource Fair

When: Saturday, June 13th from 10AM to 2PM

Where: Denver Academy (4400 E Iliff Ave)

Join for a day of connection, resources, and inclusive fun for all ages!

BehaviorSpan will be a vendor at this event, come see us!