



# Comprehensive Therapy Center

A Place to Grow... Helping children to walk, talk, learn and play.

## Jottings from Jean

I'm so excited! For someone who grew up in the era when a computer was a two story building, being able to communicate to all of you electronically is marvelous.

We are celebrating two technological advances. First please [visit our web site](#). Everything has changed and I know you will enjoy reading it - and sharing it with friends.

Secondly, you will now be receiving our "Hear Here" newsletter via e-mail instead of paper. It will continue to tell you of our therapy and tutoring work with children and adults, great ideas on child development, and how you can help us fulfill our mission.

Thank you for helping us help individuals walk, talk, learn and play so they can read, write and work.

## Another Successful Therapy & Fun!

This year's theme was "Under the Sea" and boy was it a splash! The numbers really add up:

37 children with disabilities  
 2184 hours of therapy  
 46 teen therapy aids  
 2929 volunteer hours  
 4 occupational therapists  
 5 speech-language pathologists  
 6 college students  
 2 volunteer coordinators  
 1 crew coordinator  
 and 1 Therapy & Fun Director =  
 Tons of Therapy and Lots of Fun

It was all smooth sailing, too, with 81% of speech-language goals met and 80% of occupational therapy goals met.



## From Our Parent Workshops: Home Literacy Connections



Make a print rich environment. Using index cards or card stock, write a different word on each card. Include a picture if available. Together with your child, label your environment. Examples:

**mirror, bed, toys, refrigerator, stove, floor, etc.**

Review words often. Talk about initial and ending letters and sounds. You can also point out letter blends like "st" or "fl". Soon your child will be reading the cards to you!

## Homework Help: A Little Wiggle Room



If you have a child with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), helping him or her focus on homework can be a real challenge. But with the help of some household items and a shift in perception, it doesn't

have to be a struggle.

"I feel strongly that kids have to move to learn," says Rhonda Hines, a certified occupational therapy assistant (COTA) on our staff here at Comprehensive Therapy Center. "To a child with ADHD, 10 minutes can feel like an hour. Give them lots of opportunity to move around."

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## Volunteers in the News

Longtime Therapy & Fun volunteers **Becky Pitts** and **Carla Kaiser** have both made the news recently for their amazing volunteer work in the community. Carla is helping to bring fresh food to inner city neighborhoods, and Becky helped a friend realize a dream. [Continue reading...](#)

## Touch & Taste: Fall Recipe

### Dirt and Worm Cups



Here's a favorite sensory recipe that gets your children feeling crunchy, smooth and sticky things while they help make dessert!

#### You'll need:

Oreo Cookies                      Small Plastic Cups  
 Gummy Worms                    Chocolate Pudding

**Directions:** Crush the cookies on wax paper using hands, a rolling pin, or a soup can. Layer the pudding, worms, and the crushed cookies (dirt) on top. Refrigerate and serve!



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## Our Mission

We provide therapeutic and advisory programs to individuals through skill building, academic enhancement, and social emotional support. We help people walk, talk, learn, and play - so they can read, write, and work.



## Welcome New Staff

Joining our speech staff are Jessica Brink, Rhonda Jewell, Michele Thomson. Joining our teaching and tutoring staff are Linda Weaver and Jan Wilks and lastly, John Woods will be working with us as a school psychologist.



## Upcoming Events

[Partying with a Purpose: Silpada Style](#)

## Play Football Frenzy

Help children with disabilities score big. [Click here to play!](#)

SCOREBOARD	
BRONCOS	3
BUCKEYES	0
BULLDOGS	0
CONNECTICUT HUSKIES	7
CHIPPEWAS	0
FIGHTING IRISH	0
IOWA HAWKEYES	0
LAKERS	3
LIONS	7
SPARTANS	11
WOLVERINES	0

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All funds go to support our summer program, Therapy and Fun.

