

Therapy and Fun 2012

30 Years of Helping Children Walk, Talk, Learn and Play so They can Read and Write.

What You Want to Know

What is it? Therapy and Fun is an intensive summer therapy program for children.

Who may attend? Children who need to receive speech-language, occupational or physical therapies may participate. We accept a variety of children – from simple speech therapy to complex medical needs.



What ages do you accept? Our youngest children no longer need morning naps. Our oldest children are in middle school.

Is there a cost? Yes. We charge for the therapy your child receives. There is also a fee for the screening appointment. We work with most insurance companies including Medicaid and CSHCS. We have a sliding fee scale if your insurance company says, “No.”

There is a scholarship fund to help you with your share of the cost. We will give you details on how to apply during the screening appointment. We also have a parent-run fundraiser during the summer.

When is it? Children attend Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from June 18 through August 2, 2012. Children arrive and start therapy at 9:00 and go home at noon.

How do I enroll? We will need to schedule a 30-40 minute screening appointment for your child at our office. We need a copy of all school testing, an IEP, a prescription from your child’s primary care doctor with a diagnosis and a medical history before we can schedule that appointment.

At this meeting, we will review how your child is doing and select objectives for the summer. We submit our report to your insurance for authorization.



Do you accept children on the autism spectrum? Absolutely!

Who works with my child? We have professional therapists. We also have college students in charge of our activities. There are many teen-aged volunteers who help us all morning long.

When do I meet them? When you visit our office you will meet one or two staff people. June 20 is the morning for you and your child to meet everyone.

May I visit? Absolutely! We love it when you spend time with us. Although, the first morning of therapy is a little busy, we request you choose a different day to visit. We even have a special day for grandparents to spend a morning.

What happens every morning? The day is divided into half hour sessions. Each day your child will attend a speech - language session, a gross / sensory motor session, and a fine motor session. Mid-morning we have a group session that we call “snack and music” where children practice what they learn. This is the time we also work on strengthening muscles used for speech.



When your child is not in therapy, time is spent practicing new skills in crafts, reading, or creative movement. To get from one session to another, our volunteers escort children.



Who came last year?
How did they do?

In 2011, there were 23 boys and 7 girls. They met 79% of the objectives that we set for them.

Anything else for parents? Yes. We will have a series of meetings on Tuesdays from 9:00 to 10:00 where we have speakers on a variety of topics – just for you. We always have someone talk about reading, special education and a make-it-take-it workshop. We also often discuss discipline, nutrition and financial planning.

What if my child needs help going to the bathroom?
No problem. There are plenty of chances to use the bathroom each morning. You supply diapers if your child needs them.

What if my child takes medication? You will need to administer medications at home.

What if I am going to be late at noon? We have no daycare and will need to charge you \$20 an hour for late pick up.

Where is it? We rent a local Grand Rapids church, Temple Emanuel, 1715 E. Fulton for the summer. Our office is 2505 Ardmere SE – very close to Breton Village Mall.

Is there transportation? No, but we help arrange car pools with other parents. The church is on a bus line.

Anything else I need to know? Of course! We get dirty and will need a change of clothes to have on hand.

We need every parent to bring healthy snacks for everyone once. Yum.

