

The SKIP Newsletter



ABA-Skip kids all dressed up for Halloween, Oct. 2011

What is ABA – SKIP?

ABA – SKIP is an Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis day treatment program through MHMRA of Harris County. We work with children ages 3 to 10 with a diagnosis of Autism.

Our program works one on one with the children for 4 hours per day, 4 days per week. During this time the children work on individualized programming designed to meet their needs and the needs of the family based on assessments. Included in the children's plan of care are required caregiver training sessions. During these sessions, the caregiver is taught the Principles of Applied Behaviors Analysis and how to utilize the principles in their everyday life.

Spots are available!! We look forward to welcoming new families to our program! Please call Amanda for more information at 713-970-7932. ABA – SKIP accepts most insurance plans.

Meet our Board Certified Behavior Analysts

Amanda L. Sitomer, M.S., BCBA

Amanda is our Program Manager and Lead BCBA. Amanda returned home to Houston in January 2009 from working in Massachusetts. Amanda is a graduate of Auburn University where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Masters of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis. Amanda has worked with children and adults with autism and related disabilities since 2005. Amanda is also working on her LPA.

Kail T. Graham, M.A., BCBA

Kail is also a BCBA and returned to Houston and ABA - SKIP in the fall of 2009 from Brownsville. He is a graduate of the University of Houston Clear Lake's Applied Behavior Analysis Masters Program. Growing up with a brother with Autism, Kail has always been involved in the Autism community. He now is able to give back to the community. Kail just recently returned from the Special Olympics State Games with his brother.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Parent/Teacher Training series:

It's FREE!!!

- o Discrete Trial Teaching: November 22, 2011
- o Natural Environment Teaching December 6th, 2011

Location: 7033 Southwest Frwy

Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm

RSVP: Amanda Sitomer
713-970-7932

SKIP is partnered with the University of Houston Clear Lake Campus and partially funded by the Departments of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services.

Tip from the BCBA:

Limit access to items... When working on communication skills, make sure your child does not have free access to items. Restrict these items and have your child give you some sort of sign, utterance, or gesture to receive the item.

CONSISTENCY!!!



Amanda and Kail presented their research at the national ABAI convention in Denver this past May.