



The Monthly Catch-Up

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

April is the month of Autism Acceptance, and it is a month to spread awareness, promote acceptance, ignite change, and listen to the voices of those in the Autism Community. This past April, we here at Behavioral Initiatives, LLC continue to honor the message of Autism Acceptance Month by creating events that not only will empower and educate our kiddos, but our community as well. We believe that acceptance is creating a world where those in the Autism community have the support they need. A world where every child can grow and thrive in a nurturing environment that validates and motivates their goals and emotions.



As we like to empower our kiddos during this month, we want to have an

honorable mention to all BI Parents and Guardians. As a parent, you have probably spent a lot of time thinking about your child's wellbeing and/or what their future entails. Arguably, even more so if your child is diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder or any related developmental disabilities. Whether you suspected your child being diagnosed, or whether it caught you by surprise, this diagnosis may be riddled with fear and anxiety. Fear that your child may be treated or labeled as different, and worry over if you are doing enough. We are here to tell you that these thoughts and emotions are valid and understandable, and they are a testament to the love and care you have for your child. If there is once thing that is certain is that these kiddos have taught us more about life than anyone else in this world ever will!

Picture Memory



BI Superstars of the Month

Robert

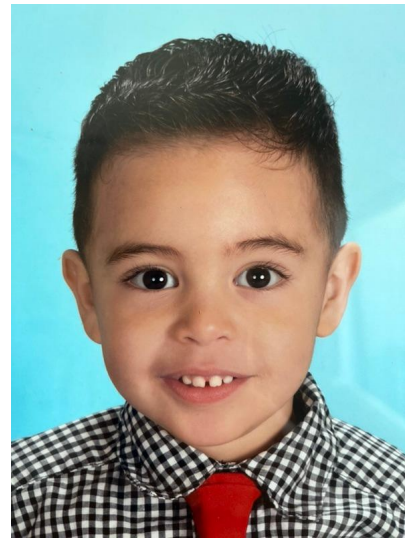
Robert has excelled greatly this past

month. He is walking appropriately with an adult with a stranger in sight, as he used to struggle to do so. He is able to initiate and sustain a conversation with a peer/adult. He is expressing his emotions appropriately and is understanding how to make critical decisions while avoiding negative consequences. He has gained lots of skills such as tying his shoes, riding a bike, labeling value of money, and interactive skills with peers.



Noah

Noah has been a superstar this past month. He is starting to communicate more effectively. He has gained signs and is starting to use them more consistently. He is also starting to imitate sounds more frequently which is an amazing stepping stone. Noah has been behaving excellently and his problem behaviors have decreased immensely. He complies with multiple instructions while showing excellent eye contact skills.



**ATTENTION
PARENTS!**

Policies and Parent Guidelines Change

If your child has had the same therapist(s) for one year or more, please expect a change come August. In some cases, changes may occur prior to this time. The Clinical Supervisor, BCBA, will discuss any questions or concerns you may have regarding this matter. Please see the item below that has been added to our [Policies and Parent Guidelines](#).

Change in Therapist(s) – There are times when there may be a need to change your child's therapist(s). When possible we will provide at least 1–2 weeks' notice of the upcoming change to provide for an appropriate transition. Therapist(s) will change every year in the month of August if working with your child for one year. Changes are to promote generalization of skills your child learns as well as to encourage flexibility.

Monday, May 30th

Behavioral Initiatives, LLC will be open on Memorial Day. However, we do have this day reserved for our therapist to choose whether or not to render services. If they are not rendering services, you can ask if they can find coverage.



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