

CONNECTION SPRING 2024

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Our quarterly newsletter providing important updates to our Kim4Kds' families.



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HANDWRITING HELPERS



Academic preparation of written work for the upcoming school year. Developed to fit the writing needs and demands the child will experience in the upcoming grade level. A keyboarding program is also offered.





MINDFUL MOVES

Mindfulness taught through various sensorimotor experiences, such as breath, senses, movement, meditation and gratitude.



INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION BOOTCAMP



Individual sessions focusing on improving organization skills related to the classroom environment, technology, organizational strategies, and managing belongings in school.



BIKE RIDING CLINIC

One on one sessions designed to improve foundational motor skills to ride a bike independently and promote safety and coordination.





SUPER SKILLS

Small group designed to provide an opportunity and safe space for pre-teens to practice daily life skills.





IMPORTANT!

Policy Reminders

Fusion Patient Portal. Log in to your portal account to see appointments, pay and view invoices, and access progress notes and evaluations.

https://app.fusionwebclinic.com/portal/Kim4Kids

Invoices are sent 30 days after close of each month. Balances will be collected via credit card on file 7 days after invoice is sent. Please review invoices and email office@kim4kidsnola.com if you have any questions.

No-Show and Late Cancellation Policy. If you cancel your child's appointment in less than 24 hours, not due to an illness or emergency, a **\$50.00 no-show fee** will be assessed.

School Convenience Fee. \$100.00 fee for any child seen off site for the entire school year and is not prorated.

Doctor Prescriptions. OT is a prescribed service, and prescriptions are valid for 1 year. To minimize a disruption in intervention, please ensure your child has seen their pediatrician in the last year.

Consistent Attendance of Therapy is Required. Quarterly attendance audits are held and attendance below 80% can risk losing consistent time slot.

Two no-shows/late cancellations in a calendar year constitutes automatic removal from schedule.



Happy Plate Club

We will be resuming Happy Plate Club this summer!

If you are interested in more details about our group for picky eaters and scheduling information, please email Kim@kim4kidsnola.com







Our 2024 Mardi Gras Skate Party was so much fun and a success with our patients and families! Thank you to all attendees!





OT Tips--Fine Motor Development

To improve pencil grasp development, try these tricks:

Use short, broken, crayons

Write on vertical surface to improve wrist position and grasp

Practice writing in the tub with shaving cream, paint brushes, and bath crayons

Did you know OTs can help with toileting?

We offer Bowel and Bladder Consults!



If your child is having difficulty with:

Following a toileting schedule
Potty training
Bed wetting
Urinary or Bowel Continence
Exhbitiing fears with toileting



Contact us to learn more and schedule a phone consult with one of our occupational therapists that specializes in bowel and bladder management.

End Of School Year Planning

As end of school year approaches,, we would like to thank you for choosing Kim4Kids for your child's occupational therapy intervention for this school year.

We are very proud of our kiddos and progress could not have happened without the collaboration and communication between our occupational therapists, parents, caregivers, teachers, and support personnel.

To ensure we have the most effective, client and family-centered treatment plan in place, we encourage an **in-office visit, virtual visit, or phone conference** before the end of the school year. Please email your child's therapist to schedule, or send a message through the patient portal.





Summer OT Preferences Survey

We offer a variety of **OT intervention options during the summer**, and we do our best to accommodate each family's needs. These options include:

Intensive sessions (ie, 3 x wk., 3-4 wks.)

Consult sessions (1x mo.)

Telehealth Sessions

Weekly or bi-weekly sessions In Office or Summer Camp

On-site summer camp sessions are based on availability and logistics

If you are interested in OT over the summer, please complete our Summer Session Preferences Survey.

OT Tips -- Transitions



Trouble with transitions?

Try these strategies-Picture Schedule
Transitional Items
Visual Timers sand timer or time timer)
Predictable song for routines
Adapt environment by dimming lights or decreaing sounds



School Session Communication Notes

You should be receiving post-session communication via daily note sent through Fusion.

Please let us know if you are not receiving these, and we will verify the email address on file.



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Fall Developmental Play Group

Stay tuned for upcoming announcement for an exciting, new developmental group coming in Fall 2024 for 2-5 year olds in collaboration with Vaughn Therapeutic Collective. If you would to be first on the list more information, please email Kim@kim4kidsnola.com.

This program will prepare children for school routines, develop play skills, and promote sensory motor skill development.

OT Tips -- Picky Eaters

Picky eater at home?

Work on exposure! Have your child touch, smell, and see foods they are eating. Take foods out of pouches and put them in a bowl to help transition and explore new foods.





Goodbye, Sydney!

We are so sad to say goodbye to our sweet OT, Sydney

Matherne, but so excited to see where her OT journey takes her

next in Thibodaux!

We are so thankful for all of her kindness, hard work, and dedication during her time with us at Kim4Kids. Help us wish her the best of luck in all of her new endeavors! We will greatly miss her!

Welcome, Erica!

Help us give a warm welcome to our new employee, Erica Rodriguez, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant

Erica was born and raised in New Orleans, LA. She graduated from Delgado Community College in 2023 with an Associates of Applied Science Degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Erica is thrilled to begin her new chapter as a pediatric COTA working along side of the talented Occupational Therapist at Kim4Kids. She is ready to apply her knowledge and creativity in treatments to help kids improve their cognitive, physical, and motor skills bringing them and their families confidence in their future abilities.



Welcome Sabrina!

Help us give a warm welcome to our new employee, Sabrina Boyd, Occupational Therapist.

Sabrina was raised in Belle Chasse, LA. She graduated from Louisiana State University in 2021 receiving her Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology. She will soon earn her Master of Occupational Therapy from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center of New Orleans in May 2024.

Sabrina is eager to begin her journey as a pediatric occupational therapist at Kim4Kids. She looks forward to working closely with children and their families to deliver individualized and specialized care to support each child's specific needs.

Any Questions?

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