



Kim4Kids
PEDIATRIC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY



CONNECTION SUMMER 2024

Stay connected. Stay Informed.
Our quarterly newsletter providing important updates to our Kim4Kid's families.



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Off Site Visit Communication

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

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



Holiday Closures

We will be closed on the 4th of July, and on Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.

Please check with your child's OT provider to reschedule to another day those weeks.

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 less than 24 hours, not due to an illness or emergency, a **\$50.00 fee** will be assessed.

Late Arrival. If your child arrives more than 10 minutes late to their appointment, your child will not be able to be seen and you will be charged the late cancel fee.

School Convenience Fee. \$100.00 fee for any child seen off site for the entire school year (August 2024-July 2025) and is not prorated. These fees will begin to be collected in September 2024.

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 85%** can risk losing consistent time slot.

Two no-shows/late cancellations in a calendar year constitutes automatic forfeiture of appointment time and placement on flex list.

Happy Plate Club

We will be offering Happy Plate Club this school year in the office and at some of our schools!

We will also be enrolling soon for the Fall Session of The Happy Plate Club.

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



Beginning of School Year Planning



As the beginning of the school year approaches we will be reaching out to schools regarding scheduling therapy on campus



Updated IMPORTANT Information and ACTION needed:

- **Complete paperwork** sent in a timely manner to aid speedy scheduling and avoid disruption of services. Updated Kim4Kids, school, and/or Archdiocese forms are needed each school year and will be sent early August.
- Kim4Kids will only send out therapy providers to **schools with 2 or more children** able to be seen sequentially and paperwork has been completed.
- **Session Communication Notes.** We will continue to send 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.
- **85% attendance standards** are expected for all patients to ensure compliance and success with plan of care. Families are strongly encouraged to reschedule sessions in office when school sessions are canceled due to holidays or school closures.

Fall OT Screenings at Schools

Kim4Kids has proudly been invited, again this year, to screen students in the Fall at the following schools:



St. Rita
St. Martin's Episcopal
Holy Name of Jesus
Academy of the Sacred Heart
St. George's Episcopal



If you think your school would be interested in setting up OT screenings for their students, please email Kim@kim4kidsnola.com. She will be happy to meet with the school and provide further information on the benefits of an OT screening.

NEW

Ready Set Grow

Starting August 5, 2024, Kim4Kids and Vaughn Therapeutic Collective will be introducing a **therapeutic play group**.

"Ready Set Grow" is a therapeutic small group environment where children ages 2-5 can thrive emotionally, socially, and cognitively. Through a combination of play-based activities, structure and routines, and therapeutic interventions, the program aims to support children in reaching their therapeutic milestones while addressing any underlying emotional or behavioral challenges that may inhibit successful participation in a typical school setting.



VaughnTherapeuticCollective



READY SET GROW
THERAPEUTIC PLAY GROUP



Group Benefits

- Collaborative, experienced, interdisciplinary approach with licensed professionals who have extensive experience in early childhood
- Improved parent child relationship and advancement of parenting skills and strategies
- Empowered caregivers equipped with tools for supporting their child's development
- Ability to tolerate and manage transitions more effectively
- A supportive community environment fostering growth and belonging
- Enhanced motor skills and physical coordination
- Independence in self care skills
- Improved sensory processing and self-regulation
- Enhanced social skills and peer relationships
- Increased emotional resilience and coping strategies

More Info

For more information please go to:

www.readysetgrownola.com

Schedule

Morning Sessions
with
Afternoon Add On
Options Available

8-12 and
12-2:30
Monday-Friday

2:1 Child:Adult
Ratio

INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION BOOTCAMP



Individualized sessions targeting organization and executive function skills



We had a great week of Super Skills in May!

SUPER SKILLS

Because you requested, we answered!



Another session coming in August to prepare for household organization before school starts!



Next Sessions:

August 12th -14th and 14th- 16th

Parents provide 3 target areas for the OTP to address and are given strategies and resources to follow through at home.

**August 5th-9th
2:45-3:45 pm**

Congrats to all of our bike riding clinic kiddos!

Bike Riding CLINIC



Last Session:
August 5th -9th



Success Rate: 89%

Register here:

<https://linktr.ee/kim4kidsnola>



NEW!

CROCHET CLUB

Led by an OT for 3rd graders and up



Benefits:

Improved fine motor skills
Social connections
Increased self confidence and accomplishment

July 8th -12th and August 5th-9th

Mindful Moves



A few spots are left for these group sessions that teach the technique of mindfulness through sensorimotor experiences.

July 29th- August 1st

Handwriting Helpers is perfect for the child to get a head start on writing prep for upcoming school year!

Perfect for **PK4 and Up** to teach:

**Upper and Lower Case Letter Instruction
Organization of Writing for 1st-3rd
Cursive Letter Formation
Keyboarding Instruction**

Handwriting Helpers



Next Sessions:

July 29th-August 2nd and August 5th-9th

OT Tips -- Executive Function

Take photographs of organized items to help children visualize what the END GOAL should look like. Use that visual model and have them think about the steps to achieve the final goal.



now
available

Animal Assisted Intervention (AAI)



We are excited to have Lilly Rose, our Pet Partners Therapy Dog, be an instrumental part of OT intervention.



How can AAI benefit my child during OT sessions?



Improve Motor Skills
Emotional Support and Reduce Anxiety
Cognitive Benefits
Develop Empathy and Compassion
Support Therapeutic Goals

Increase Motivation and Engagement
Improve Sensory Processing
Enhance Social Interaction
Behavioral Improvements
Enhance Self-Esteem and Confidence

OT Tips--Make Handwriting Fun

Playing in sand can provide sensory input while working on a variety of other skills such as fine motor coordination, handwriting, and self-care skills related to scooping, pouring, and measuring.



Lilly Rose

Check out our Lilly Rose in her Welcome Video and tour of our office our Kim4Kids YouTube channel!
[Kim4Kids Lilly Rose Welcome Video](#)

A Goodbye Letter from Casey

Patients and families,

I have enjoyed spending the past five years with you as a therapist at Kim4Kids. From handwriting classes to bike riding clinics to toileting schedules and mindfulness practices, it's safe to say my time here has been nothing short of amazing. After the birth of Edie, I have reflected on my goals as a therapist and a mother, and I have decided to take a position with Jefferson Parish to spend additional time with my sweet little girl. Time is flying by, and I don't want to miss a second of her first few years! I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the love and support over these years. I began my occupational therapy career at Kim4Kids five years ago, and I have learned so much! You have truly become part of my family, and I am forever grateful for the chance to watch your kiddos grow and become independent!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns and please send me cute pictures of your kiddos as they get older! I will miss you all so much.

With Love,
Casey

We will miss you, Casey!

We are so sad to say goodbye to our sweet OT, Casey but so excited to see where her OT journey takes her next

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, Elizabeth!

Elizabeth was born in Statesville, North Carolina. She graduated from Appalachian State University in 2017 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science with a minor in Psychology. She moved to Columbia, South Carolina where she received her Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy from Lenoir Rhyne University.

She spent 3 years working at the Children's Hospital Outpatient Clinic in Columbia where she gained experience treating a variety of diagnoses in children from birth to 15 years old. Elizabeth's husband was then stationed in Watertown, New York where she had the opportunity to provide OT services in homes, daycares, and preschools.

Elizabeth enjoys traveling, spending time with her husband, and their labradoodle! She is very excited for their move to New Orleans and to join the Kim4Kids family!



Any Questions?

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