



**Kim4Kids**  
PEDIATRIC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY



# CONNECTION

## FALL 2024

Stay Connected. Stay Informed.  
Our quarterly newsletter providing important updates to our Kim4Kids' families.

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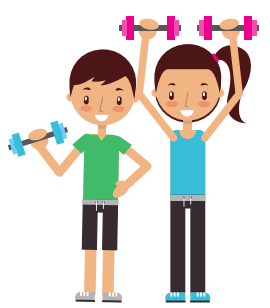
### Holiday Closures

We will be closed on **Thanksgiving Day** and **Christmas Day**.  
Please check with your child's OT provider to reschedule to another day those weeks.



### Announcing Physical Therapy

We are excited to now offer Physical Therapy to our Kim4Kids' families at our current school locations and in our office. To book an appointment, call or email the Kim4Kids office.  
Call: (504) 517-5437  
Email: [office@kim4kidsnola.com](mailto:office@kim4kidsnola.com)



# Looking for activities during the HOLIDAY break?



## Bike Riding CLINIC



"Designed to improve foundational motor skills and promote safety and coordination for independent bike riding at any age. Suitable for all ages, especially those ready to ride a two-wheel bike!

Email

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to be placed on our interest list, or if you have suggestions for days and times,

## INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION BOOTCAMP



- For 3rd-8th graders
- Individualized goals with parent training included
- Executive function strategies for successful completion and independence of daily tasks at home and school

## Holiday Handwriting Helpers



Intensive, multi-sensory writing enrichment program created by OTs to improve fine motor skills and handwriting and typing performance.

1st-2nd typing  
PreK and K



# 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](mailto:office@kim4kidsnola.com) if you have any questions.

**No-Show and Late Cancellation Policy.** If you cancel your child's appointment with less than 24 hours notice, 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.

**Medical Referrals.** 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 or late cancellations in a calendar year constitute automatic forfeiture of appointment time and placement on flex list.**

## Happy Plate Club

**We will be enrolling SOON for our Spring Session!**

**If you are interested in our FUN with FOOD program that is a safe space for your picky eater, please email [Kim@kim4kidsnola.com](mailto:Kim@kim4kidsnola.com)**



## Reading to Rover

Come see Miss Kim and her pups and read to some furry friends!

Every 3rd Saturday of the month  
1:00-2:00 pm

Jefferson Parish East Bank Regional Library  
4747 W. Napoleon Ave. Metairie, LA 70001



Nara, Miss Kim's British Yellow Lab, listening to a Dog Man story

## Off Site Visit Communication

You should be receiving post-session communication via daily note sent through Fusion to your email. Please remember that these are not saved in your portal, however, can be downloaded and saved

If you are not receiving these, please reach out to your child's provider.

## Fall OT Screenings at Schools

Kim4Kids has screened nearly 400 students for weaknesses in areas related to OT at the following schools.



Holy Name of Jesus

St. Rita

Academy of the Sacred Heart

St. Martin's Episcopal

St. Clement of Rome

Upcoming:

Ecole Bilingue

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](mailto:Kim@kim4kidsnola.com). We will be happy to meet with the school and provide further information on the benefits of an OT screening.

PRE SCHOOL READINESS GROUP  
**NOW ENROLLING**

**Limited  
Space  
Available**

**Ages 2-6**

**Monday-Friday**

**6 child maximum**

**All Day or 1/2 Day Options**

**Parent Training Included**



**READY SET GROW**  
THERAPEUTIC PLAY GROUP

**Check out our program  
online and schedule  
a FREE consultation call!**

**HELPS**

**PROMOTE**

**TURN TAKING  
SELF HELP SKILLS  
PEER INTERACTION  
HANDLING TRANSITIONS  
ADHERING TO ROUTINES  
EMOTIONAL REGULATION  
FOLLOWING MULTISTEP DIRECTIONS**



Join Us at Vaughn Therapeutic Collective  
for a Preschool & Kindergarten  
**SOCIAL SKILLS GROUP**

This group is designed to help children develop interpersonal skills through play, interactive activities, and guided discussions.

**Tuesdays**  
**October 15th - November 12th**

**4:45pm - 5:30pm**

Initial Intake Fee: **\$150**  
Group Fee Per Session: **\$70**



**REGISTER NOW!**

Scan the QR code to  
schedule an intake  
appointment with  
**Brittney Becerra,**  
LPC!



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<https://vaughntherapeutic.clientssecure.me>



## OT Tips -- Executive Function

### HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD WITH TIME MANAGEMENT?

**Visual Schedules**  
with pictures check off as  
completed.

**Timers**  
helps your child visualize  
and prepare for the end of  
activity by seeing how  
much time is left.

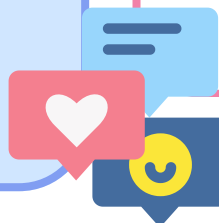
## FOLLOW US

Follow us on social media for  
fun and exciting content!

@kim4kidsnola

@readyssetgrownola

@vaughn\_therapeutic



## OT Tips-- Make Handwriting Fun

Provide shaving cream on  
the bathtub or shower  
wall to draw and write  
letters and numbers





# Animal Assisted Intervention (AAI)

We love having Lilly Rose, our Pet Partners Therapy Dog, being an instrumental part of OT intervention.

If you would like Lilly Rose to be part of your child's therapy program, talk to your OT provider.

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



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

## Meet Magnolia!



**Magnolia** is our newest member of our Kim4Kids fur family! She is a golden retriever and was rescued at 8 weeks old on August 16th from Take Paws.

She is working towards Canine Good Citizen (CGC) award and Pet Partners Therapy Dog certification. We are so excited to have Magnolia!

# Welcome, Kristi Wells, DPT!

Kristi Wells, DPT, a New Orleans native, earned her Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from LSU in 2010 and her Doctorate in Physical Therapy from the University of St. Augustine, San Diego, in 2014. Her move to California ignited a love for travel, leading her to live in four different states before returning to her hometown.

With over a decade of experience in physical therapy, Kristi has worked with a diverse patient population, ranging from young adolescents to older adults. She is certified in pelvic health rehabilitation, specializing in postpartum care, and has honed her skills in treating a wide variety of conditions, from sports-related injuries to mobility challenges.

Kristi's passion for pediatric therapy grew after becoming a mother. She is dedicated to helping children thrive both in and out of the classroom. As a certified yoga instructor, she integrates mindfulness and calm into her therapy sessions.

Outside of work, Kristi is a fitness enthusiast who enjoys weightlifting. She loves spending time with her husband, two daughters, and their dog while exploring farmers' markets, attending music festivals, or visiting the beach.



## Schedule an appointment

To schedule an appointment with Kristi, call or email the Kim4kids office.

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Email: [office@kim4kidsnola.com](mailto:office@kim4kidsnola.com)



# Meet the Vaughn Therapeutic Collective Team

LOCATED IN  
KIM4KIDS

**Brittney Becerra, LPC**



I'm a Licensed Professional Counselor with years of experience in Play Therapy. All my life, I always knew I wanted to work with kids in some way, and while in graduate school, I completely fell in love with Play Therapy. I love giving kids a safe space to express themselves in the best way they know how to – by playing. Kids deserve to be seen and heard, just as adults do!

**Emily McInnis, MHS, LPC**



**Krystal Vaughn, Ph.D.**



I am a Licensed Professional Counselor at Vaughn Therapeutic Collective. My counseling approach comes from both play therapy client-centered and cognitive behavioral perspectives, I utilize modalities to meet my clients' needs. I am passionate about the power of play and feel I am someone who possesses a youthful spirit that allows me to build a therapeutic relationship with a range of age groups. I have experience as a school counselor that allows me a unique advantage of understanding school difficulties such as separation anxiety, peer relationships, behaviors in and out the classroom, as well as effective collaboration with school staff. I am also Registered Play Therapist that believes your "healthy and happy can start here!"

Dr. Vaughn is a Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor and Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor at Vaughn Therapeutic Collective. After a combined 16 years as faculty at Tulane School of Medicine and LSUHSC, she opened Vaughn Therapeutic Collective where she and her staff work with the children and their families of the greater New Orleans area. Dr. Vaughn specializes in working with children, adolescents, and parents. Dr. Vaughn provides the following clinical services: Individual Therapy, Play Therapy, Parent Child Interactional Therapy, Autplay, Telehealth, Mental Health Consultation to local schools. Dr. Vaughn has years of experience providing clinical services to those with ADHD, anxiety, autism (level 1), adjustment disorder, neurodevelopmental disorders, dysregulation issues, and other developmental disorders.



## Got Questions?

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