



**Kim4Kids**  
PEDIATRIC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

2025

## WINTER 2025

### CONNECTION

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

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# Thank you for attending our Kim4Kids Annual Skate Party!

What a blast! Our 2025 Mardi Gras Skate Party on Friday, January 3rd, was a huge success! Patients and families had so much fun rolling into the new year with us. Thank you to everyone who joined the celebration!    #MardiGrasFun



# New Policies for 2025

## Important Update Starting January 1st!

We're updating our attendance policy to ensure we can consistently provide the best care and support to all our patients and families. Here's what's new:

### **Attendance Requirement Increase:**

Attendance will now be required at **85%** (up from 80%).

### **Quarterly Attendance Audits:**

We'll be conducting regular reviews to ensure compliance with attendance requirements.

### **Cancellation Compliance:**

If two cancellations occur in a row, at least one of those sessions must be rescheduled within two weeks to remain in compliance with the attendance policy.

### **No-Show/Late Cancellation Fee:**

The fee is increasing to **\$75** (from \$50). However, the fee will be waived if the appointment is rescheduled within the week, based on therapist availability.

### **Late Arrivals:**

Arriving more than **10 minutes late** for a 30-minute appointment or over **15 minutes late** for longer sessions must reschedule and may incur a missed appointment fee.

**Habitual tardiness may result in a move to our flex schedule.**

### **Important Reminder:**

Patients unable to maintain consistent attendance will be moved to the **Flex List** as outlined in our policy document.

We appreciate your commitment and understanding as we strive to provide exceptional care. For more details, please review the updated policy document or reach out with any questions. Thank you!

## **Cancellation Policy Update**

For any cancellations, please notify us directly through one of the following:

 **Call or Text:** Reach us at **504-517-5437**.

 **Email:** Send us a message at **office@kim4kidsnola.com**.

We're here to assist with rescheduling or any questions. Thank you for helping us maintain smooth operations and excellent care for all our families!





## IMPORTANT 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.

**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. Please ensure that your child has seen the pediatrician within the last year, to minimize a disruption in intervention.

## Insurance & Billing Information

### ***New insurance for 2025?***

Please text or email us a copy of the new card to verify updated benefits!

### **Deductibles restart in 2025.**

Cost of therapy sessions will be higher until deductible is met.

Balances more than **30 days past due**, must be **paid in full** or *payment plan established*. If not, your child's therapy services will be placed **on hold** in 2025.

All patients must have a **valid credit card on file**. If a card is declined, we will send an invoice 30 days after the close of the month. Payments are due within 7 days of invoicing.

## New EMR coming March 1, 2025

### Introducing Ocean Friends: Our New EMR System!

We're excited to launch **Ocean Friends**, a game-changer for your experience with us. Here's what you can look forward to:

- ✓ **Better Parent Access:** Easily view records, track progress, and manage appointments.
- ✓ **Seamless Communication:** Message the office or therapists in real-time.
- ✓ **Improved Scheduling:** Faster waitlist and flex list management for more timely appointments.

Ocean Friends is designed to provide an AMAZING, user-friendly experience for families. Get ready to set sail into smoother, smarter care! 🚀



## Updated Pricing

### February 1st Pricing Below:

#### 2025 Out of Network:

Initial Evaluation: \$400.00

CPT 97530 (therapeutic activity  
60 minute session (4 units): \$168.00  
45 minute session (3 units): \$126.00  
30 minute session (2 units): \$84.00

#### 2025 Self Pay Rates

Initial Evaluation: \$350.00  
CPT 97530 (therapeutic activity)  
60 minute session (4 units): \$144.00  
45 minute session (3 units): \$108.00  
30 minute session (2 units): \$72.00

### We will be closed on

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 for

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on Friday, April 18, 2025 for



## ASK THE EXPERTS!

### ASK THE EXPERTS ABOUT YOUR PICKY EATER

Featuring Pediatric Occupational Therapists Specializing in Picky Eating:



**KIMBERLY BRADLEY, MS, LOTR**  
**ELIZABETH ROLDAN, MOT, LOTR**

Our first "Ask the Experts" session on picky eating was a great success, and we're so grateful to everyone who joined and contributed to the discussion.

If you missed it, email [kim@kim4kidsnola.com](mailto:kim@kim4kidsnola.com) to receive the webinar replay and our parent resource file.

During the session, we shared helpful tips such as introducing new foods gradually by pairing them with familiar favorites, involving children in meal preparation to encourage interest in trying new foods, and maintaining regular mealtimes to promote healthy eating habits.

**Stay tuned** for our next session **Thursday, January 23 at 6 pm.**, where we'll feature Physical Therapist Kristi Wells, DPT. We look forward to seeing you there!

## HAPPY PLATE CLUB REGISTRATION!

Registration is now **open** for the **Winter 2025 Happy Plate Club at Kim4Kids and the Academy of the Sacred Heart!** This **12-session program** uses the evidence-based SOS Approach to Feeding, helping children expand their food repertoire in a fun, play-based environment.



#### Who:

- Group A (6–10 yrs)
  - Tuesdays, Jan 14 – Apr 8, 3:30–4:45 PM
- Group B (3–5 yrs)
  - Wednesdays, Jan 15 – Apr 9, 2:45–4:00 PM

**Where:** 4317 El Dorado St, Metairie, LA

**Cost:** \$950 (15 hours + 3 consultations)

♦ **Register by Jan 10, 2025 – Spots are limited!**

🔗 Sign Up Now to create your child's Happy Plate! 🍴

Also **available** at Academy of the Sacred Heart!

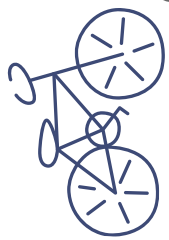
#### DETAILS OF THE HAPPY PLATE CLUB AT KIM4KIDS:



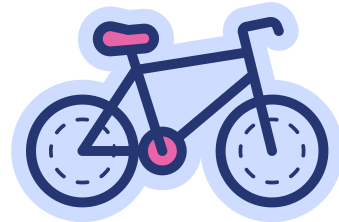
Spots are limited, and registration closes Friday, January 10, 2025. Secure your spot today by visiting the [registration link](#) or [emailing us](#) for more details.







# Bike Riding CLINIC



You  
Did It!

## Pedaling Toward Confidence: Bike Riding Clinic Success!

We're excited to share the success of our recent Bike Riding Clinic! Hosted at the Reunion Shelter in City Park, 16 children received personalized, 30-minute, one-on-one sessions with a pediatric Occupational Therapy Provider. By the end of the clinic, 85% of participants were successfully riding their bikes, building confidence and essential skills in a supportive environment.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this clinic a success! Stay tuned for updates on future sessions—we look forward to helping more kids pedal their way to success!



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# Handwriting Helpers



## From Scribbles to Success: Handwriting Helpers Shines!

Our Handwriting Helpers program was a success! Over three tailored sessions—PK Primer, Kindergarten Kickstart, and Writer's Workshop—children improved handwriting skills, built confidence, and developed foundational techniques in a supportive environment.

Thank you to all who participated! Stay tuned for future sessions as we continue helping kids write their way to success!



# INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION BOOTCAMP



## Mastering the Art of Organization: Bootcamp Success!

Our Organization Bootcamp was a great success! Kids participated in three engaging 45-minute sessions, building time management, planning, and organizational skills through hands-on activities.

Be on the list for our future group programs by signing up [here!](#)

## READY, SET, GROW

Ready Set Grow is a therapeutic playgroup designed to support your child's development in a fun and engaging environment.

Led by experienced therapists, this program focuses on fostering essential skills through purposeful play, social interaction, and hands-on activities.

Whether your child is building fine motor skills, enhancing sensory processing, or exploring social-emotional connections, Ready Set Grow provides a nurturing space for them to thrive.

Want to learn more or join the next session? Visit **Ready Set Grow NOLA** for details and registration. Let's grow together through play!



**READY SET GROW**  
THERAPEUTIC PLAY GROUP





# Reading to Rover



with  
**Miss Kim and her puppies**

**1:00-2:00 pm**

Every 3rd Saturday of the Month

**January 18**

**February 15**

**March 15**

**East Bank Regional Library**

**4747 W Napoleon Ave,  
Metairie, LA 70001**



 **Want a Kim4Kids  
Mardi Gras Crewneck?** 

 **Give a *SHOUT OUT* to your  
child's therapist by Feb. 14th!**

 Complete this quick survey  
AND leave a Google review.

As a thank-you, you'll receive  
a soft, stylish, Mardi Gras-  
themed Kim4Kids crewneck by  
Circle Brand Clothing.



## Welcome, Jessica Sareussen, OTR/L!

Jessica, a New Orleans native, graduated summa cum laude from the University of New Orleans in 2016 with a B.S. in Psychology and earned her Master's in Occupational Therapy from Louisiana Health Sciences Center in 2021.

She has experience across various settings, treating patients from young adults to geriatrics, and developed a passion for pediatrics inspired by her nephew, friends' children, and her daughter, Veda. Her adaptable and creative approach helps children reach their potential while having fun.

Jessica enjoys quality time with her husband, daughter, parents, and their dogs, Juniper and Ivy, as well as traveling and walking.



## Welcome, Alicia Walsworth, LCOTA!

Alicia, originally from Jonesboro, LA, graduated in 2000 with an Associate of Science in Occupational Therapy from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She moved to the Baton Rouge area in 2007 and Destrehan in 2020.

With 24 years of experience across acute inpatient, rehab, early steps, pediatrics, and management, Alicia has a passion for working with children and is thrilled to focus on pediatrics again.

Alicia is a wife, mother of one son, and active in her church. She enjoys traveling, exploring local coffee shops, horseback riding, cooking, and baking.

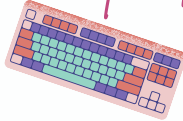


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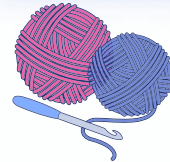
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*Mindful  
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**SUPER  
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CLINIC**



Interested in joining? Fill out this quick form to get started—  
your child's journey begins here!



## Got Questions?

**General inquiries:**

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