



Kim4Kids
PEDIATRIC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

2025

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CONNECTION

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

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**We will be closed on
on Friday, April 18, 2025**



*Good
Friday*





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HAPPY

OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY

MONTH



Goodbye, Alicia!

It's with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to our amazing Pediatric Occupational Therapy Assistant, Alicia. Your dedication, kindness, and hard work have truly made a difference in the lives of the children and families you've worked with. You've been such an integral part of our team, and your presence will be deeply missed by all of us. While we're sad to see you go, we're excited for the new adventures that lie ahead for you. Best of luck in everything you do, Alicia! we know you'll continue to make an impact wherever you go. You'll always be a part of our team, and we'll miss you more than words can say!



Welcome, Emily Patella, LOTR!

Emily was born in North Carolina, but raised in the New Orleans area from the time she was two. She attended LSU Baton Rouge before graduating from LSUHSC New Orleans in Occupational Therapy in 2003. She began her clinical career in an acute hospital setting and home health fields working primarily with orthopedic surgery and acute needs patients. After taking a break to stay home with her 5 boys, she spent the last two years working in the New Orleans Public School System helping kids with anything from handwriting to sensory processing. Emily loves spending time with her high school sweetheart husband, travelling with her boys, and hanging with her friends.



Welcome, Shellie Matranga, SLP!

Shellie, a New Orleans native, holds a B.S. in Communication Disorders and French and a Master's in Speech-Language Pathology. She worked 21 years with Jefferson Parish Public Schools, specializing in early childhood speech disorders, and spent 10 years at Crane Rehab Center. Trained in Conscious Discipline and the TEACCH method, she specializes in speech and language disorders and augmentative communication. In her free time, she enjoys piano, Disney World, and family time.



Welcome, Torrey Dickson, MOT, LOTR!

Torrey, a New Orleans native, earned her B.S. in Kinesiology (2018) and Master's in OT (2021) from LSU. She specializes in pediatric rehabilitation, treating children from birth to 21 with various medical conditions. Passionate about family-centered care, she tailors evidence-based interventions to each child's needs. Married in 2023, Torrey loves spending time with her husband and their three dogs—Jax and Charlie (dachshunds) and Georgia (a Great Dane). She's also passionate about lifelong learning and professional growth.



Spring Break Special Classes



Therapist-led art and sensory exploration for creative skill-building!

2nd - 5th grade



Dates: Mon, 04/21 - Thurs, 04/24

Time: 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

NEW!

One-on-one bike riding clinic with a pediatric OT.

All ages ready for 2 wheels



Dates: Mon, 04/21 - Thurs, 04/24

Time: 8:00 am - 10:00 am

1
SLOT
LEFT!

**Bike Riding
CLINIC**



**INDIVIDUAL
ORGANIZATION
BOOTCAMP**



A one-on-one OT-led sessions help 3rd-8th graders build better habits for a stress-free school year!

3rd - 8th grade



Dates:

Mon, 4/21 - Wed, 4/23
10:45 am - 11:30 pm

Mon, 4/21 - Wed, 4/23
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm

Tue, 4/22 - Thurs, 4/24
11:30 am - 12:15 pm

Learn to crochet in a fun, small-group setting with an OT!

 All supplies included

3rd - 7th grade



Dates: April 16, 17, 21, & 22

Time: 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm

**CROCHET
CLUB**



**SOCIAL
SPROUTS**

Interactive group for social skills, emotional regulation & making friends!

1st - 3rd grade

LAUNCHING IN MAY!

*Coming
Soon!*



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NOW OFFERING SPEECH THERAPY

WELCOME

TO THE TEAM!



- ✓ 20+ years of experience
- ✓ Specializing in ages 0-6
- ✓ Immediate openings available
- ✓ Accepting BCBCS (incl. Ochnser Blue), United, UMR, & Verity

SHELLIE MATRANGA,
CCC-SLP
SPEECH LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGIST



**Give your child
the support
they need to
build strong
communication
skills early!**

Summer Offerings

☀️ Exciting Summer Offerings at Kim4Kids!

We're excited to roll out our **new summer programs** and continue offering our **much-loved existing programs** designed to support your child's growth through fun, creativity, and connection!

This year, we're introducing:

Sensory Art Adventure Club

Hands-on creative fun with sensory play in a supportive setting.



Social Sprouts

Small-group activities that build communication, cooperation, and friendships.



✨ New fun or old faves – summer's got it all at **Kim4Kids!**

Sign up now via Linktree!



Summer registration will go live next Monday 4.21





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Therapeutic Summer Skills Program!

Bike Riding Clinic

Personalized one-on-one bike lessons

Crochet Club

Small-group crochet with OT guidance

Handwriting Helpers

From pre-K writing to typing skills

Happy Plate Club

Picky eater feeding group

Individual Organization BootCamp

Executive function & organization skills

Prep and Play

Summer mini camp for ages 2-6

Mindful Moves

Yoga for balance, mindfulness & movement

Ready Set Grow

Therapeutic intensive preschool readiness group

Sensory Art Adventure Club

Engage and empower children through art, sensory integration, and color therapy!

Social Sprouts

Fun, interactive group for social skills

Super Skills

Provides an opportunity and safe space for pre-teens to practice daily life skills.

**OT & PT-Led
Sessions for
Summer
Growth!**

*Mindful
Moves*



INDIVIDUAL
ORGANIZATION
BOOTCAMP



READY SET GROW
THERAPEUTIC PLAY GROUP

**SUPER
SKILLS**



**Bike Riding
CLINIC**



**PREP
and
PLAY**



**CROCHET
CLUB**



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MORE
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Therapy & Growth Opportunities

Explore PT

Physical therapy (PT) helps children improve strength, balance, and coordination.

- **Mobility and strength**
- **Balance and coordination**
- **Injury prevention**
- **Independence in daily activities**

Our experienced physical therapist provide personalized care to support your child's growth and physical abilities.



Ready Set Grow

Ready Set Grow offers early learning support to help children with:

- **School readiness**
- **Positive social skills**
- **Classroom Routines**
- **Socio emotional development**



We use proven strategies to boost school readiness and emotional growth.

Monday - Friday, 8 am - 12 pm

Special educator, OT and Play therapy/Mental health.

Speech Therapy also available!

Learn More & Enroll Today!



Ocean Friends – New App & FAQ Access



All-in-One Care with the Ocean Friends App

We transitioned to a new **EMR** system
March 1!

Through the app, you can:

- Book or reschedule appointments
- View pictures and moments from your child's therapy session
- View notes and important documents
- Update insurance details
- Make payments with ease
- Stay in touch through secure messaging

Everything you need, all in one place!

**Click here to
access our FAQ
document!**

Love Notes Treats!

LOVE

notes

With every
Google Review
any team member
receives, they will
be given a
\$5 Starbucks gift card!

**Scan here to give
a coffee treat**



UTC Services



VaughnTherapeuticCollective

Located in **Kim4Kids**, we
offer a variety of services to
support families, including:

- **Parent Consultations**
- **PCIT**
- **Mental Health Support.**

Our goal is to provide tools
and support for healthy
development and strong
family dynamics.



Connection Across the Spectrum



Looking to meet new people, build friendships, and enjoy fun social outings in a supportive environment?

Thursday, April 10th

Pickle N Pins
6930 Veterans Blvd.
Metairie, LA
6:00-8:00 pm



PICKLE N PINS

RSVP

Cost:
\$20/pp

Kim@kim4kidsnola.com

Young adults (18+) of all abilities looking to connect, have fun, and enjoy a great time together!

A SOCIAL EVENT MADE FOR ALL!



ASK THE EXPERTS SENSORY PROCESSING DISORDER



Featuring Pediatric Occupational Therapists Specializing in Sensory Processing Disorder



KIMBERLY BRADLEY, MS, LOTR
TORREY DICKSON, MOT, LOTR

Wednesday, April 30th

6:00pm-6:45pm



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VIRTUAL

Pre-Pay Discount on Therapy Sessions!

☀ **ANNOUNCING!! Save on Sessions!** ☀

Take advantage of our special pre-pay offer at the previous rate of **\$64 per 30-minute session!** Pre-pay for **5 sessions and save!**

- \$320 for 5 sessions (30 minutes each)
- Payment due in advance to secure the discount
- Cash or check only

To claim this offer, simply **contact our office** and let us know you'd like to pre-pay! **Don't miss out!**



Happy Plate Wrap-Up

In Winter 2025, Kim4Kids hosted the **Happy Plate Club**, a 12-session program where kids explored new foods, built feeding skills, and enjoyed small-group social fun using the SOS Approach to Feeding.



[Click here to register for Summer Happy Plate!](#)



Easter Feature: Fidget & Toy Recommendations!

A perfect Easter basket fillers that are fun and beneficial!



[CLICK HERE FOR EASY SHOPPING!](#)

National Pet Day: Kim4Kids Pets Spotlight



Ducky



Lilly Rose



Magnolia



Nara



Bailey



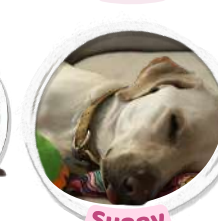
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Dash



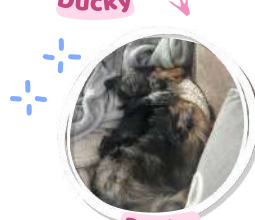
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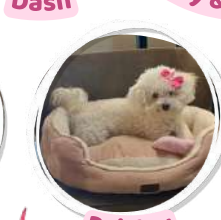
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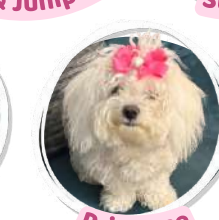
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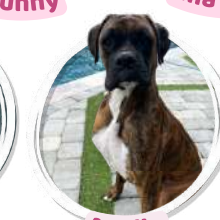
Rocky



Paisley



Primrose



Apollo



Eliza



Mr. Winston



Midnight

Kids' Corner Fun!

We're excited to introduce **Kids' Corner**, a new creative space at Kim4Kids where little imaginations can shine! Kids respond to playful prompts through writing, drawing, and more.

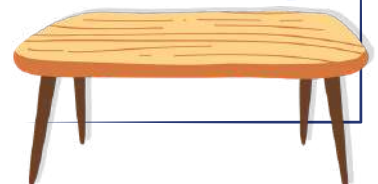
March Prompt:

"What's a best way to catch a leprechaun?" 🍀

✨ We've loved the creative answers so far—full of puppies, leprechauns, magic, and more!

"If you planted a magic seed, what would grow?" 🌱

➔ **What should we ask next?**
Let us know your ideas!



STAY CONNECTED

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

Got Questions?



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Helpers*

