

Autism Beacon ™



The Autism Beacon is Lighthouse Autism Center's virtual monthly newsletter. Take a look and learn about new center updates, staff spotlights and valuable resources for the autism community!

Lighthouse Center Happenings

Lighthouse Autism Center Opens New Center in Clinton, Iowa!



Lighthouse Autism Center in Clinton, Iowa is now open! This new center features beautifully designed spaces that create an environment supporting play-based learning and provides services to 30 families in the area. Clinton is Lighthouse's second location in IA, and is within the Greater Quad Cities along with our East Moline and Davenport centers. We will offer part-time and full-time ABA therapy programs to learners in addition to autism evaluations at our newest center.

[Click here to see more photos of the new location](#)



[Learn More About Autism Evaluations](#)

Appointments Available for Autism Evaluations

Lighthouse Autism Center is now offering autism evaluations for children 2-6 years old. Appointments are available at every Lighthouse location. Children with autism often show signs in infancy but may not be diagnosed until much later. Early signs of autism in babies or toddlers often go unrecognized, simply because parents or caregivers may not know what to look for. One of the most important things you can do for your child after birth is to learn the early signs of autism.

What is a Co-Treat Session at Lighthouse Autism Center?

At Lighthouse Autism Center, we have designed and created the Lighthouse Fusion® Therapy model, which focuses on the whole child approach to learning. It is a co-treatment model that has seen exceptional results in all of our learners.

So, what is collaborative treatment, and how can the Lighthouse Fusion Therapy model benefit your child? Let's take a look.



[Learn More About Co-Treat Sessions](#)

Staff Spotlight: Laura



Laura is a Lead Registered Behavior Therapist at our Goshen center and has been with Lighthouse Autism Center since December of 2022. Prior to her current role, she was a level 1 RBT, then a level 2 RBT, working her way up to a Lead Therapist through LAC's

Level-Up Program! She graduated from Trine University with a degree in Psychology and Criminal Justice. Laura is a dog mom who loves to knit, read, and garden.

What made you decide to apply to Lighthouse?

I applied at Lighthouse because I have been interested in Autism Spectrum Disorders since I substitute taught in the Special Education department and loved every minute of it. I thought that Lighthouse would be a great place to get my feet wet so to speak.

What is your favorite part of working at Lighthouse Autism Center?

I really love working with all the learners. They are all so unique in their own ways and figuring out how to turn their individual motivations into teachable moments is really rewarding for me.

How would you describe your experience working for Lighthouse?

I really like working at an ABA center that focuses on the employees' well-being. Mental health fields of work can be mentally draining for employees and Lighthouse really focuses on making sure we have help if we need it.

Do you have a favorite memory from your time here?

My favorite memory at Lighthouse was the time a learner's face lit up at seeing me because they were excited to work with me. It's just so great to see the joy we can add to the day.

What advice you would like to share for those interested in a career at Lighthouse Autism Center?

Just apply! You never know a job until you start and that's the 1st step.

[Grow Your Career at Lighthouse](#)

Celebrating Halloween with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Check out our list of helpful tips compiled by autism experts for celebrating Halloween with a child on the autism spectrum.

[Read Helpful Tips](#)



Resource of the Month: Interlock



INTERLOCK

come together for autism

Together, Interlock networks with providers and families to bring the best of both worlds together. Our mission is to assist and educate families in East Central Indiana living with Autism Spectrum Disorder and to assist local special education classrooms to accommodate needs of students with autism spectrum disorders.

[Learn More Here](#)

Upcoming Community Events & Resources

Ask the Arc Webinars

October 12, 2023 at 6:00pm - 7:00pm - Online

Our Ask The Arc webinar series will provide information and discussion on timely topics relevant to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, and their support systems. Registration is for the complete webinar series. You can pick and choose which ones you want to attend without having to register each time.

[Learn More Here](#)

Special Olympics Conference

October 14, 2023 at 8:00am - 5:00pm - In-Person

Embassy Suites Conference Center

13700 Conference Center Drive South Noblesville, IN 46060

Special Olympics Indiana has invited The Arc of Indiana to share information at their annual state conference. The Arc Advocacy Network will have information about Medicaid Waivers, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, guardianship and alternatives, Special Needs Trusts, the Erskine Green Training Institute, and a variety of other topics available for families and self-advocates.

[Learn More Here](#)

Potawatomi Zoo - 2023 Zoo Boo

October 20th - 21st at 2:00pm - 8:00pm & October 22nd at 10:00am - 4:00pm - In-Person
500 S Greenlawn Ave, South Bend, IN 46615

A community favorite, join the Potawatomi Zoo as we celebrate Halloween! Trick or treat with our vendor partners and enjoy seeing the animals, pumpkins, lights, and decorations at Zoo Boo! Don't miss the chance to ride the Haunted Train (scary after dark) and the Enchanted Carousel.

[Learn More Here](#)

Indianapolis Zoo - ZooBoo

September 27th - October 31st at 2:00pm - 7:00pm - In-Person

1200 West Washington St. Indianapolis, IN 46222

Is regular October too humdrum, but haunted houses too creepy-crawly? Come to the Zoo for Halloween activities, amazing animals and pumpkins galore! ZooBoo is a fun family experience for itty-bitty ghouls and goblins as well as the bigger kids. October weather means active animals, colorful foliage and a new season to explore. Combine that with engaging, hands-free activities, spooktacular costumes and trick-or-treating, and you've got an unforgettable family tradition. Woo-hoo!

Best of all, ZooBoo is free for Zoo members and included with regular admission.

[Learn More Here](#)

Youth Autism Kickball League - Portage Township YMCA

Sundays in October from 11:15am - 11:45am - In-Person

3100 Willowcreek Road, Portage, IN, 46368

Free and open to the public. Ages 6 - 17.

- This is a non-competitive program that provides children on the spectrum with a chance to get moving and socialize with others in a safe and caring environment.
- This league is free & open to the public. Registration is required.
- Parent involvement and participation is required.
- Sensory room will be open and staffed at this time as an alternate option for kiddos who may need to take a break.

[Learn More Here](#)

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