



Mark your calendar..

Dec. 17: Ugly Hat Day

Dec. 18: Ugly Sock Day

Dec. 19: Ugly Sweater Day

Dec. 20: Pajama Day

Dec. 21: Door Décor Contest Day

Dec. 24: Open Full Business Hours

Dec. 25: CLOSED

Inside Story

For many special needs families, the holiday season doesn't have the same cheerful ring to it as it does for other families. A combination of changes in routine and sensory overwhelm can make the festive season particularly challenging. While there are many obstacles to overcome, sometimes the simplest of activities, such as sharing a plate of cookies and milk, can take on extra significance this time of year. To help you plan some simple holiday fun here's a list of activities the whole family can enjoy:

- * Meet a sensory-friendly Santa.
 - * Go to the library.
 - * Enjoy a sensory-friendly Broadway performance.
 - * Watch a sensory-friendly film.
 - * Sign up for a special needs camp.
 - * Explore a train exhibition.
- As stressful as the holiday season can be for children with special needs, you can make the most of the time with some simple but fun activities your whole family will enjoy. Happy holidays!



Inside this

Employee Highlight

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Each month in our monthly newsletter we highlight an employee who has really gone above and beyond in their RPTS duties. We are thankful for our entire staff and wanted to find a way to publicly make it known each month. Our December employee of the month goes Nicole Ahmadi. She was nominated by fellow therapist for being such a great team player. Here's a little bit about Nicole in her own words: I was born and raised in Texas. I have lived in Katy most of my life. I am a graduate from Texas Women's University with a Masters in Occupational Therapy; my therapy background is focused on pediatrics, specifically sensory integration. I have always enjoyed working with children. Pediatric therapy allows the therapist to use creativity and fun as part of the treatment process. While the activities seem like games, they are actually working on specific skill development. One of the highlights of working at Reliant is the awesome staff we have! Everyone is very supportive of each other and our ability to collaborate together ensures the best outcomes for each of our patients. My favorite place to go on vacation is Italy, so far I have been able to see the cities of Verona and Venice. One day I would love to travel throughout the entire country!

ABA Updates!

- * We currently have 12 patients staffed! We have 6 patients pending that will be staffed in the month of November!
- * Maryam B. is our Director of Behavioral Services
- * We have two part-time BCBA's as well: Lori T & Lora P
- * We have 8 RBTs
- * We have a new BCBA: Duyka
- * The current insurances that are accepted for ABA are: BCBS, Cigna, Beacon, Community Healthchoice Marketplace
- * We are in process of getting in network with United, & Megalen
- * With Oscar, Molina, and Ambetter being offered through the Marketplace we are also aiming to get in network with these three insurances as well!
- * We will now offer extended hours from between 6:30pm-7pm
- * Offering family & individual counseling

We Have
EXPANDED

We are excited to announce that we have expanded to the DFW area! We now offer speech, occupational, and physical therapy in the homes in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. We are also hiring for all three disciplines in the area. If you know of any experienced therapist looking to join our team please have them give us a call!

Employee Birthdays/Anniversaries/New hires

MONTH BIRTHDAYS

Naisha 12/18

Lupe 12/8

Khaing 12/23

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

Claudia Moreno 12/4

Jennifer Chaves 12/18

Sina 12/17

LET'S WELCOME...

- Kristyn Cole- Administrative Assistant- Burleson
- Tiffany Mcbeath- RBT
- Glenys Hercules- Lead RBT
- Darynee Glover- RBT
- Darian Freeman- RBT
- Karina Garcia- RBT