



## Important Insurance Info for 2024 - Action Required

Valued Client & Guardians,

As we approach the new year, we wanted to remind you that Autism ETC must always maintain accurate insurance information on file for your child. Many employers change carriers for the new year. Our services require prior authorization from your insurance company. Therefore, if we do not have updated insurance information in advance of any change, we will not be able to obtain authorization for your child's services, and you could be personally responsible for payment.

We will soon be sending home an insurance verification form. You must complete the form and return it to Autism ETC, even if your insurance has not changed. Please be on the lookout for this form to be handed to you when you drop off your child. Ideally, we would like the form returned to us that same day. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me personally at 615-376-0034, option 5.

Thank you,  
Rhonda Manous  
Executive Director, Autism ETC

## Funds Available

DIDD (Developmental Intellectual Disability Department of the State of Tennessee), will be accepting Grant Applications for the Family Support Program. The Department intends to enter into a grant for a period of 36 months, with an expected effective period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027.

Primary Focus of the Family Support Program:

- Families with children with a severe or developmental disability, school age and younger;
- Adults with a severe or developmental disability who choose to live with their families; and
- Adults with a severe or developmental disability who reside in the community in an unsupported setting.

For more information on the application process click [HERE](#)

## Congrats!

### Recently Promoted:



Maddie Gerber  
Lead RBT - Music Valley

### New Hires:



KaraLynn Colbert  
Music Valley



Makayla Bohanan  
Music Valley



Samantha Rusnak  
Music Valley



Lily Stankevich  
Music Valley



Michaela Roberts  
Music Valley



## Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27 Music Health and Nutrition: Healthy vs Unhealthy	28 Music Health and Nutrition: Healthy vs Unhealthy	29 Music Health and Nutrition: Healthy vs Unhealthy	30 Music Health and Nutrition: Healthy vs Unhealthy	1 Music Health and Nutrition: Healthy vs Unhealthy
4 Camping Week 1 Health and Nutrition: Exercising	5 Camping Week 1 Health and Nutrition: Exercising	6 Camping Week 1 Health and Nutrition: Exercising	7 Camping Week 1 Health and Nutrition: Exercising	8 Camping Week 1 Health and Nutrition: Exercising
11 Camping Week 2 Health and Nutrition: Nutrition	12 Camping Week 2 Health and Nutrition: Nutrition	13 Camping Week 2 Health and Nutrition: Nutrition	14 Camping Week 2 Health and Nutrition: Nutrition	15 Camping Week 2 Health and Nutrition: Nutrition
18 Winter Holidays Health and Nutrition: Meal Prep	19 Winter Holidays Health and Nutrition: Meal Prep	20 Winter Holidays Health and Nutrition: Meal Prep	21 Winter Holidays Health and Nutrition: Meal Prep	22 Winter Holidays Health and Nutrition: Meal Prep
25 Merry Christmas Center Closed	26 Holiday Break Center Closed	27 Holiday Break Center Closed	28 Holiday Break Center Closed	29 Holiday Break Center Closed

## Classroom Skills

### Week 1: Music

Letter: Qq Shape: Square Color: Green

Preschool Group: Making marks on paper

School Age Group: Print concepts, greater than/lesser than/equal to, open and close markers, and ponds and frogs for science

### Week 2: Camping

Letter: Rr Shape: Triangle Color: Blue

Preschool Group: Making scribbles on paper using the palm of our hands

School Age Group: Identifying main topics, classify/count/compare, classroom mechanics - using pencil erasers and all about insects for science

### Week 3: Camping

Letter: Ss Shape: Diamond Color: Purple

Preschool Group: Imitate crayon/marker strokes

School Age Group: Retell stories, identify 2D shapes, classroom mechanics - using stick and liquid glue, and living vs. non-living for science

### Week 4: Winter Holidays

Letter: Tt Shape: Heart Color: Pink

Preschool Group: Writing names on paper

School Age Group: Learning capitalization, identifying 3D shapes, cutting simple and complex lines and patterns with scissors, and gingerbread five senses for science

## Life Skills

This month, our life skills group will be learning about Health and Nutrition

### Week 1

11/27 - 12/1: Healthy vs. Unhealthy

### Week 2

12/4 - 12/8: Exercising

### Week 3

12/11 - 12/15: Nutrition

### Week 4

12/18 - 12/22: Meal Prep



## Families of the Month

This month, we're taking a look back at all our families and how AETC has helped them.



"Ezra is happy to be at Autism ETC. He puts on his backpack and is ready to go in the morning..."



"There have been so many milestones with his behaviors, he is like a completely different kid."



"Jonathan has made great progress since he has been coming to the center. He has blown through so many of the goals that we have set for him with his therapist."

"We noticed a difference with Adi within a month or two from when he started at Autism ETC. He loves going to the center."



"I felt like my daughter was being heard and the level of care is amazing."



"I feel confident in Zachary having a successful transition into public school because of all the tools he has learned from Autism ETC's unique learning environment and individual therapy plan. I attribute Zachary's success to the program at Autism ETC."



"My brother recently told me he was amazed that Axl actually came to him and let him hold him. It is exciting to see his miraculous turn-around."



"I felt welcomed at Autism ETC and I learned the staff wanted to help Isiah reach his full potential. The skills that Isiah has learned at Autism ETC have paved the way for his future in school."

"It is overwhelming when you get the diagnosis. Until you have a child with special needs, you don't comprehend just how special they are."



"The parent training and support have been a life saver."



Read family stories here:

