

the Synergy Bulletin

POSITIVE SYNERGY NEWSLETTER

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New Year, New Space!

Positive Synergy found a new home in Seekonk, MA at 1573 Fall River Ave. We are still right on Route 6, just in between exits 2 and 1 of I-195. Our new office building is a lot bigger than our old location. With the expansion of our space, we are excited to offer an expansion of services as well! You can read more about our babysitting nights below, find a link to our speech services interest form and hear about plans for our future music program. We look forward to continuing to cultivate growth and success with all of you. With ongoing construction, we thank you for your continued support and patience!



Interested in Speech Services with Us?

Speech Services will soon be offered, sign up now

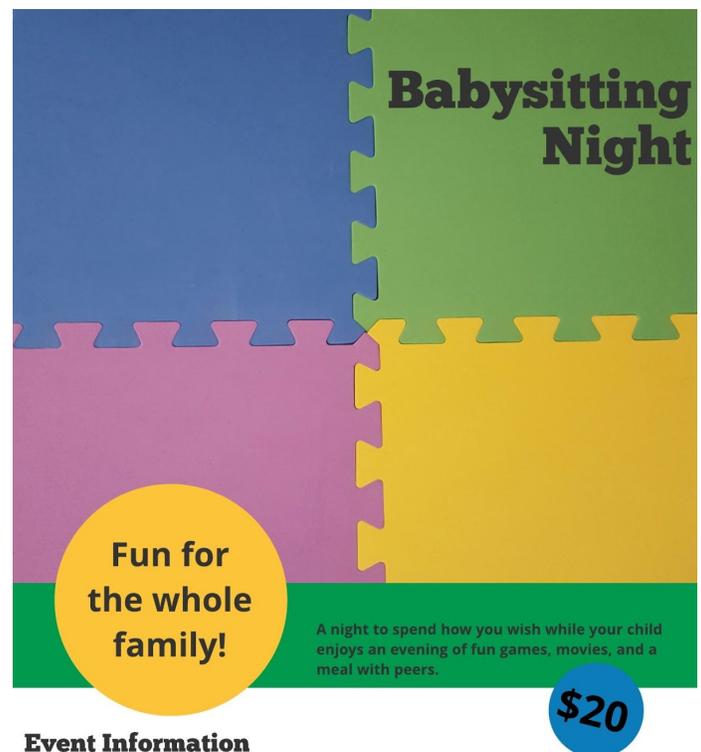
If you are interested in receiving speech services from the Positive Synergy Team please fill out the questions from [this link](#) on our website. Or from our website, under the 'getting started' tab, click 'speech'.

Babysitting Night Out

Honey I Dropped Off the Kids! April 28th, 5-8 pm, only \$20!

Let's be honest- your family probably knows the struggle and stress associated with finding and keeping trustworthy, quality childcare on a budget. Fear no more! Positive Synergy is launching an event series sure to soothe your worries and bring fun to all your kiddos. We will open up the center for the evening and serve as your own personal babysitter! It'll be a great chance for kids to socialize with peers in an exciting and structured setting staffed by licensed ABA professionals.

The evening will consist of various activities, games and more! A meal will be provided or made by the kids. Please let us know any allergies. Themes for the evening include movies, board games, painting, magic and more! The first babysitting night will kickoff Friday April 28th. We will have pizza and drinks available for dinner. Siblings ages 3 and older are welcome to attend however space is limited. Tickets are \$20 each. The night will take place at our center, 1573 Fall River Ave. Seekonk, MA 02771 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. We ask that interested families contact Missy Malone by emailing mmalone@psaba.org or calling 508.493.0855.



Event Information

- April 28th, 2017, 5:00 PM- 8:00 PM
 - 1573 Fall River Ave. Seekonk MA 02771
 - Tickets are \$20
 - Siblings over the age of 3 are welcome to attend
 - Pizza and drinks will be provided
- Questions/RSVP to Missy Malone at 508.493.0855
Or visit our website www.psaba.org



Rock & Roll for a Reason

Our **Rolling Stone** Johnny McMahon

January 28th was Positive Synergy's first ever benefit concert and it was a huge success! The event was organized and headlined by our very own behavior technician Johnny McMahon. In the line up along with Johnny were local Providence artists Songs to Drive Cars To and Invisible Hours. Along with generous donations of instruments, wires, and amps, the event raised over \$150 to purchase additional instruments. These instruments will provide the basis for our new music program.



If you or a kiddo you know might be interested in further cultivating their own musical passions



and have some ideas you would like to see in a music program, please feel free to contact Johnny via email at jmcmahon@psaba.org. Also, If any of you have any musical instruments that are sitting around and collecting dust, please feel free to donate them to the program. We are specifically in need of instrument cables and amplifiers but anything would be greatly appreciated.

Positive Synergy would like to give a special thank you to all of the folks who were able to show their support, give their time and space, and those who donated. We look forward to having more events like this in the future and until then- keep rockin'!

Are you following us [on Facebook?](#) @positivesynergycorp Have you seen [our website](#) lately?

This Issue's Topic: Why ABA?

Applied Behavior Analysis has been Scientifically Proven as an Effective Treatment for ASD

The rate of Autism is on the rise, with more and more children being diagnosed with Autism every single day. In 2014, the Center for Disease Control found that 1 in 66 children are now diagnosed with Autism every year. With the rates of Autism increasing, more and more parents and guardians are faced with the enormous decision of picking a therapy that will best increase the quality of life for their children. This decision can become complicated and stressful, due to the overwhelming amount of proposed treatments for Autism.

So, what is the first step in picking a treatment for your child with Autism? One important factor in picking an intervention is to look and see if the treatment is backed by science. There are many supposed treatments for Autism that are not backed by science. These include: vitamin regimens, strict dietary regimens, non-vaccination, and certain medications. These treatments may seem appealing; however, they have not yet been scientifically proven to effectively treat Autism.

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is an evidence backed treatment that has been implemented since the 1980s to treat children with Autism and has been scientifically proven to improve skills and increase the quality of life in children diagnosed with Autism. In 2010, Dr. Virués-Ortega looked at 206 studies to determine if ABA truly had a significant

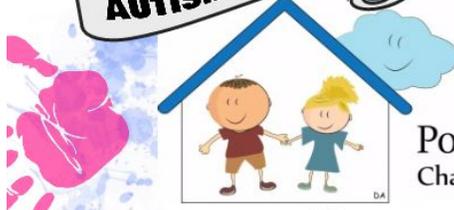
impact in treating Autism. An overall analysis of these studies showed that ABA led to positive effects for children diagnosed with Autism in these specific areas: intellectual functioning, language development, acquisition of daily living skills, and social skills. These promising findings only add to the scientific evidence that's ABA has a positive impact on the lives of children diagnosed with Autism.

With the rates of Autism increasing, it is important for parents to know what treatments and interventions are the best for their child. There is so much information on what may treat Autism, however, it is important for parents and caregivers to find out what treatments actually work. At this point, ABA is the only long-standing scientific based approach to treating Autism. Parents and guardians should always talk to their child's pediatrician before implementing a new treatment to help their child.

References

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AUTISM SERVICES



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DAYTIME PLAY GROUPS

NOW ENROLLING!

AGES 1.5-3 AND 3-6 YEARS OLD

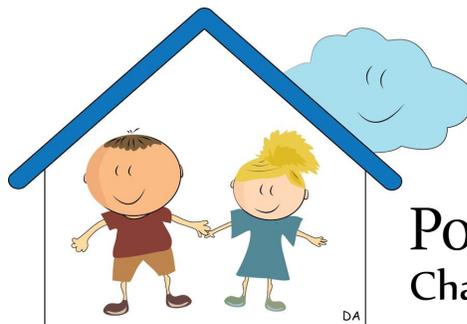
BASED ON PRINCIPLES OF ABA

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-SOCIAL AWARENESS
-PLAY SKILLS
-COMMUNICATION
-SELF HELP SKILLS
AND MORE!

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