

NEWSLETTER

NEW STAFF

Greg Sauder, MOT, OTR/L, ASDCS

- Director of Therapy Services -

Greg has been an occupational therapist for 13 years, combining clinical expertise with leadership in pediatric care. He loves connecting with kids through play, making therapy fun & functional. Seeing their progress, big or small, inspires him every day. We are excited to see how a.c.e. continues to thrive with Greg's help as our Director of Occupational & Speech Therapy Services.

Amanda Bagby, MA, BCBA, LBA

- Clinic Director at Merrionette Park -

Amanda has been working in the field for 6 years, driven by the impact her work has on changing lives. She's excited to introduce structured group activities, more outings, & smaller teams to ensure consistent, high-quality care for every client as our new Merrionette Park Clinic Director.

Donna Martinez, MA, BCBA, LBA

Donna has been in the field for 5 years. She enjoys seeing client growth from the first day they start services to the day they are discharged. Donna is excited to teach & continue promoting the generalization of skills with the clients, while working side by side with the RBTs as a part-time BCBA at our Merrionette Park location.



REMINDER

With summer coming up quickly, please be sure to let your therapists know about any upcoming changes in hours or availability!

MONTHLY RECAP

We hosted a successful caregiver resource night with AIM-CIL focusing on services, programs, & resources available to people age 14+.

a.c.e. also attended Giant Steps' Day of Connections, Little Friends' "Connecting Adults with Communities" lunch/learn, & the Special Needs Resource Fair in collaboration with the Mt. Greenwood Special & Recreation Association.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Autism Speaks Empower Summit

May 2nd there will be an educational event with professional lectures hosted by Autism Speaks. Our owner & founder, Cindy Mrotek, will be featured on an expert panel to speak on the importance of transition services. On May 3rd, we will participate in a 5k walk as a team. People may also choose to run or bike for an additional fee. Both events will take place in Soldier field & require pre-registration.

Gigis' Playhouse podcast feature

Gigi's Playhouse is a non-profit organization that provides free educational & therapeutic programs for individuals with Down syndrome, their families, & the community. They host a podcast called *A Little Something Extra*, which will feature our owner & founder, Cindy Mrotek, on May 13. Gigi's Playhouse is special to us, as former employee (Cindy's sister-in-law), Karyn Mrotek, had Down syndrome. Our clinic also loves working with & supporting this population!

You can look forward to a newsletter like this each month!