

November Newsletter

Meet the New Director of our Adult Learning Center



We're excited to welcome **Mark Ammer, MA, BCBA**, as the **Clinic Director** at our **Downers Grove Adult Learning Center**. Mark brings over 30 years of experience in developing programs and providing compassionate, evidence-based support for adults and children with developmental disabilities and autism. He holds degrees in Clinical Psychology from the University of Illinois and Roosevelt University, and has completed Behavior Analysis training through Southern Illinois University and looks forward to mentoring our staff.



You can read his full interview on our website by clicking [here](#).

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New Ongoing Social Group

Last week, a.c.e. therapies hosted our first social group! During Halloween-themed crafts and a game of charades, learners practiced sharing, problem-solving, cooperation, and understanding nonverbal cues. **We're excited to continue this series with more themed activities and opportunities for meaningful growth!**

Social groups are proven to help children develop **key social and communication skills in a natural setting**

(Miguez et al, 2018)

Want to stay in the know about all of our events and activities? Follow us on instagram!

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Halloween Event Recap

This month, our Naperville and Merrionette Park centers celebrated Halloween with accessible trick-or-treat training, pumpkin painting, and themed games - showing that **being part of a.c.e. therapies means more than growth; it means belonging to a supportive community.**



Thank you to all the families and staff who made this celebration so special!