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**T**here are many special needs children who simply cannot afford the full cost of needed cognitive and educational therapy. We would like to reach out to our caring friends and families and ask for a "Special Gift" for our special children. Here is how you can make a difference.

- Your gift of \$55 will sponsor 1 child for 90 minutes of cognitive and behavioral therapy.
- Your gift of \$85 will sponsor 1 child for a Super Saturday.
- Your gift of \$165 will sponsor 1 child for a week of cognitive and behavioral therapy.
- Your gift of \$400 will sponsor 1 child for 1 week of Summer Camp.
- Your gift of \$660 will sponsor 1 child for 4 weeks of cognitive and behavioral therapy.
- Your gift of \$1,500 will sponsor 1 child for a 4-week session of Summer Camp.
- Your gift of \$4,500 will sponsor 1 child for 6 months of cognitive and behavioral therapy.

We also have special sponsorship categories for our "Comedy for the Kids" fundraiser. Every dollar we raise stays right here in our community helping the Carrie Brazer Center for Autism & Alternative Approaches rehabilitate our special children and raise funds for our future building. Please consider becoming one of our sponsors. All sponsors will receive prominent name recognition at the "Comedy for the Kids" Gala.

- Founding Star - \$25,000 and greater
- Rising Star - \$15,000 and greater
- Platinum Star - \$10,000 and greater
- Gold Star - \$5,000 and greater
- Silver Star - \$2,500 and greater
- Bronze Star - \$1000 and greater
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## Seashells of Key Biscayne



Children will walk the beach of Key Biscayne learning the different types of mollusks that thrive in the shallow water marine environment. They will learn the ecological importance of marine mollusks.

## Crocodiles vs. Alligators



Children will enjoy a slide presentation and hands-on discussion of the differences between crocodiles and alligators. They will learn all about their natural habitats.

## Discovery Lab



Children will do hands-on experiments, both indoors and out. They will touch and feel live marine animals, see them swim before their eyes and discover how and why they exist. They will use a laboratory work sheet booklet to record their findings.

## Reading Literacy

**Thematic Units** will be taught throughout the summer providing an opportunity to read and to participate in educational games and activities both in the classroom and outdoors in designated circle time reading areas within a natural, ocean setting. We have selected such units by *Waterford Press-Pocket Naturalist Activity and Reading Books*. Each child will have his or her own unit activity and reading book to keep for future use. One unit per every two weeks will be introduced for eight weeks. Unit samples include pond life, seashore life, mammals, and birds.

**Independent-reading** children will read age-level appropriate reading materials. Opportunities permit for children to read outside under the palm trees by the ocean in serene natural settings. Our selected reading program for beginning readers is *Reading Milestones* by Stephen P. Quigley, Patricia L. McAnally, Susan Rose, and Cynthia M. King. Older children will have free reading choices daily and can select newspapers and a variety of magazines.

## Story Time



Story Time includes choral reading, circle time and reading to children aloud under the palm trees by the ocean in serene natural settings or in the Nature Center Classroom setting. Older children are introduced to newspapers and magazines of their choice.

## Speech Therapy

Speech therapists will pull out children individually throughout the day. Goals include increasing receptive and expressive language skills by using a variety of techniques to enable the child to communicate within his or her environment. Generalization skills are taught in the classroom and out in the community.



## Occupation Therapy

Therapists will pull out children individually throughout the day. Goals include helping children function independently in daily life. Emphasis will be on eye-hand coordination with dressing and feeding, sensory integration techniques, and handwriting skills. Generalization skills are taught in the classroom and out in the community.

## Physical Therapy

Physical therapists will pull out children individually throughout the day. Goals include helping children function independently in daily life. Emphasis will be on gross motor coordination skills such as hopping, skipping, climbing stairs, running, riding bikes, skating, catching and throwing, and swimming. Generalization skills are taught in the classroom and out in the community.



## Group Music Therapy

Children often improve receptive and expressive language skills through song. During group music therapy children are engaged in activities designed to promote social and emotional learning.



## Group Art Instruction

A full kinesthetic tactile approach is explored in group art classes emphasizing developing fine motor skills. Integrative Marine Biology unit for the summer program.



## "Fun Fitness in the Park"

Children will improve gross motor muscles while having a great time on the field. They will learn to play soccer, catch and throw, play softball, roller blade, bike ride and much, much more. Each session will begin with stretching exercises and running and will be directed by a certified adaptive physical education teacher and physical therapist.



# Camp Activities and Descriptions

## Sea Grass Adventures



Explore the sea grass beds with a naturalist. Learn all about tropical marine life. Capture, study and release marine life at low tide from the various sea grass habitats on The Key Biscayne Nature Center.

## Hammock Hikes



Take leisurely hikes through the coastal strand hammock and discuss the plants and animals that make this ecosystem so unique to South Florida. Make leaf rubbings and sketch bugs and plant structures.

## Mangrove Slog



Enjoy a hike through the mangrove forest. Discover the different types of mangroves and identify the important ecological roles these play in our environment.

## Fossil Reef Walk



Study and explore a very unique habitat believed to be one of only two in the world – a fossilized reef that is the remains of black mangrove roots. See the various sea creatures that make the reef their home.

## Back to Nature Living Off the Land



Learn some of the methods the Tequesta Indians used to survive off the land and surrounding waters of Key Biscayne. Learn the flora and fauna of our hammocks and what purposes they served.

## Creating Pioneer Toys & Crafts



The naturalists will acquaint the children with some different types of pioneer toys. They will create their own similar to those the pioneer children used for play.

## Nature Journal



Children will be keeping a daily journal of their nature walks and activities. They can record their findings and thoughts through drawings, poems, coloring or gluing found objects into their journals.

## Beach Walk



A walk through the sand dune areas with a discussion of the plants, birds and wildlife unique to the area. Observe areas undergoing dune restoration. Collect seeds for future plantings. "Sea Turtles of Key Biscayne - Florida" plays a major role in the lives of the world's sea turtles. Children will learn more about sea turtles through discussion and slide presentation and touring the sea turtle hatchery at the Nature Center. Children will get to see baby sea turtles hatching from the nests.

## Make a Difference



The children will learn how they can make a difference in their community by helping to preserve the natural areas that remain.

## Junior Archeology



Children will become acquainted with the science of archeology. They will learn the techniques and become familiar with some of the discoveries archeologists have made in South Florida and the Miami Circle.

# Leaps & Bounds Camp

## Choose the best drop-off and pick-up locations most convenient for you!

A.D. Barnes Park or Tropical Park  
(3701 SW 72nd Ave or 7700 SW 40th Street) Drop-off 9:00 am Pick-up 3:45 pm  
Monday-Friday

Biscayne Nature Center  
(4000 Crandon Blvd, Key Biscayne, FL) Drop-off 10:30 am Pick-up 3:00 pm  
Monday-Tuesday

Greynolds Park  
(17530 W. Dixie Hwy, Sunny Isles, FL) Drop-off 10:30 am Pick-up 3:00 pm  
Thursday

Earlycare available at A.D. Barnes Park or Tropical Park Drop-off 8:00-9:00 am  
Aftercare available at A.D. Barnes Park or Tropical Park Pick-up 4:00-6:00 pm

**Payment Due Dates:** May 15 for weeks 1-5 • June 15 for weeks 6-11  
Financial assistance available for families in need • Scholarships provided by *The Children's Trust* • Application due by May 15. (Scholarships awarded on a 1st come, 1st served basis.)

## Daily Schedule

Autistic children benefit from a constant routine. Our schedule is structured very carefully to meet the needs of our special children.

**8:45-9:00am** Depart for Biscayne Nature Center.



Circle time. Reading aloud and independently (older children). Songs, choral reading and social skills. Play outside under the palm trees by the sea!

**9:30-10:45am**



Science Discovery Lab (Every 10 minutes children move to different aquarium stations.) or outdoor hands-on Lab explorations by the ocean and nature trails.

**10:45-11:00am**

Snack under the trees outside/or indoor picnic tables, if inclement weather.

**11:00-11:30am**

Free time on the playground or social skills training while playing indoor games, if inclement weather.

**11:30-12:15pm**

Group Music Therapy on Wednesdays & Fridays. Arts & Crafts on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

**12:15-1:00pm**



Lunch (outside picnic or indoor picnic tables if inclement weather). On Field Trip Fridays, departure is at 12:15pm, lunch at various restaurants.

**1:00-1:45pm**



“Fun Fitness in the Park.” Children engage in physical activities and organized games lead by an adaptive physical education teacher.

**1:45-3:00pm**

Swimming in the ocean or other water related activities or discovery hikes by the ocean.

**3:00-3:30pm**

Reading by the Sea and Reading Comprehension/Independent Silent Reading.

**3:30-3:45pm**

Drive back to the Carrie Brazer Center.

**3:45-4:00pm**

Snack and Dismissal.



Field trips are scheduled for every Friday to various collaborative partners in the community. Children practice the skills they learn in the classroom setting such as counting, using money, reading street signs, using pictures to make requests and exhibiting appropriate behavior and generalize them in the community.





## T-Shirts



One camp T-Shirt is included in the camp fee for each student. T-Shirts must be worn every day so that children are easily identifiable to the staff and the community. Additional T-Shirts can be purchased for \$10.

## Lunch

Every day lunch will be provided. If your child has particular eating habits, please include a box lunch. Non-dairy drinks and sugar free snacks will also be provided daily. Please send one additional snack and drink daily in a cooler soft pack and money if your child would like to buy lunch or memorabilia items from a field trip site.

## Transportation

Transportation to daily field trips is provided by J & M Vera transportation service from the Carrie Brazer Center daily and A.D. Barnes Park. Additional pick up and drop off sites may be arranged at Biscayne Nature Center and Greynolds Park (Sunny Isles Beach).

## Financial Assistance:

We accept McKay School Vouchers for full payment if your child's Matrix score is 254 or 255!

Parents who receive Title One, Med Waiver or SSI funding may not need to pay any additional costs for school. Daily lunch & bus transportation will be provided.



The Children's Trust generously provides funding for some of our programs. Scholarships are available for After School Programs, Saturdays, Super Holidays, Super Teacher Workdays and Summer, Winter & Spring Camp through the Children's Trust.

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# Summer, Winter & Spring Camp by the Sea



The Carrie Brazer Center, in collaboration with Crandon Beach Adventures presents “Camping by the Sea,” a unique program for children with autism and other developmental delays, held at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center on beautiful Crandon Beach in Key Biscayne. Our specialized curriculum incorporates literacy skills, music and art therapy, physical fitness and an appreciation and understanding of Florida’s natural environment, for a science-based marine biology learning experience. Crandon Beach Adventures has been reaching thousands of children throughout Dade County with their environmental educational tours. The Carrie Brazer Center specializes in teaching children with autism in a structured and positive environment.

Based on the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis, our highly trained and qualified staff work closely together collaborating their efforts. Our team includes speech, occupational, and physical therapists, behaviorists, music, massage and art therapists, special education teachers, and behavior technicians. Each group is led by a state-certified special education teacher and two professional staff assistants. There are no more than 5 children in each group, enabling us to give each child the individual attention that he or she needs. Parents can also opt for 2:1 or 1:1 instruction for an additional fee.

Our staff will work together to develop individual academic goals and behavioral goals and objectives for each child. Pre- and post-testing will be conducted to measure progress.

Our program enriches the lives of autistic children by introducing a significant reading/literacy component based on nature, with hands-on demonstrations and explorations throughout different

parts of The Biscayne Nature Center in Crandon Beach. These activities include, but are not limited to sensory enrichment in the aquarium touch and feel tanks, walking on nature hikes, and exploring the ocean.

Another unique asset of our program is our comprehensive physical education program in which children will be engaged in organized sports and games led by an adaptive physical education teacher. We also provide daily opportunities for free play on the playground and swimming in beautiful Crandon Park Beach’s ocean, the backyard of The Biscayne Nature Center. Additionally, we participate in weekly community-based outings to various places in the local area such as The Parrot Jungle, The Seaquarium, Sailing with Shake-a-Leg of Miami, Super Wheels Skating Center, Miami Children’s Museum, and much, much more. Children will become familiar with their own community, as well as learn to transfer social and cognitive skills taught in the classroom to the environment in which they live.

“Camp by the Sea” is designed to ensure that each of our special children have the “Vacation of their Lives!” Space is limited, so Register today!!!



# Music Therapy



Many studies have demonstrated that music therapy can be beneficial to children and that music actually increases their intellectual and creative development. Through structured, goal-oriented music therapy experiences, children often improve receptive and expressive language skills. They develop social skills, learn self-help skills, and refine their sensory and motor skills. Non-communicative children are often able to become actively engaged in

music experiences and can practice building relationships with others through musical interactions. During music therapy, children are engaged in activities that are designed to promote social and emotional learning. Music therapy groups are especially effective in providing practice of learning skills necessary for effective learning in typical classroom settings including following directions, making requests, turn-taking, sharing and joint attention skills. Our program is especially designed to offer the widest possible range of sound and rhythmic experiences for children. Children are encouraged to sing along and play instruments, whistle, clap, stomp, chant and dance to favorite songs!

Private Music Therapy goals are established based on each child's level of functioning. Sessions are available during and after school and on Saturdays. Each session is 30 minutes.

We also offer Music Therapy Groups! Your child can participate in fun and educational group sessions designed to practice building relationships with others during musical interactions. These groups provide practice of learning skills necessary for effective learning in typical classroom settings. These 45 minute sessions are held on Saturdays.

Schedule today! Space is limited!

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# Massage Therapy & Chiropractic Care

Massage therapists at the Carrie Brazer center are state licensed and nationally certified. They specialize in cranial sacral therapy and sensory integration therapy as well as neuromuscular and trigger-point therapy and myofascial structural integration. This holistic approach will promote a general sense of health and well-being in your special child and is instrumental to your child's development. It is one of the most important steps in treating sensory defensiveness.

By treating the touch system, we can influence other sensory systems as well. Our techniques will enhance communication of the neuromuscular system and increase tactile sensory awareness. Once we understand each child's behavior, we can provide activities and sensory input that can eliminate the defensiveness. After the intervention, children will be more likely to allow the introduction of new stimuli such as touching and interacting with animals, experiencing grass or sand on their feet, feeling sensory vibrating toys, silly putty and playdough, tags on clothing, and much much more.

The benefits of Sensory Integration Therapy will optimize your child's potential for growth and maturity towards a healthy body, mind and spirit! Massage Therapy helps the child rid tactile defensiveness and much, much more!

Sessions are available Monday-Saturday from 10am-7pm. Sessions are available for the hour or the half hour. Private insurance and Med-waivers are now accepted.

Chiropractors at the CBC use upper cervical technique which is non-invasive and deals with realigning the atlas, the first bone in the spine. The atlas, which sits adjacent to the hind part of the brain, often misaligns during the birth process. This atlas misalignment, termed "subluxation," when realigned has shown to help the body to correct or improve the condition of a variety of disorders. In children, specifically, improvements in hyperactivity, attention deficit, and speech disorders are well documented. According to the International Chiropractic Pediatric Association, there is a positive relationship between cranial motion restrictions and learning disabilities, as well as with children with a history of an obstetrically complicated delivery. With a regular and regimented care schedule, we have seen significant changes in our children, such as an increase in eye-contact, the ability to stay on task for longer periods of time, less tantrumming behaviors and a significant decrease in distractibility.

Private insurance and Med-waivers are now accepted. Don't miss out. Register Now!

## Super Sport-Days

**G**et Energized! One of the most under-utilized, yet effective treatment for autistic children is exercise! Several research studies have shown that vigorous or strenuous exercise is often associated with decreases in stereotypical (self-stimulatory) behaviors, hyperactivity, aggression, self-injury, and destructiveness. Join us for “**Super Sport-Days**” as we teach our children to play soccer, play catch, softball, roller blading, bike riding and much, much more. We will begin each session with stretching exercises and running the track at A.D. Barnes Park. Don't miss out on this exciting time of play and fun every afternoon from 3:30pm- 6:00 pm at A.D. Barnes Park!

## Speech Therapy

**C**ommunication is vital whether it is in the form of oral language, body language or via use of the Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS). At the CBC, speech therapy, in conjunction with music therapy and cognitive and behavior modification, focuses on increasing receptive and expressive language skills by using a variety of techniques to enable the special child to communicate within his or her environment. It is our mission to assist each child in becoming as independent as possible, not relying on others to communicate his or her wants and needs. Children who acquire auditory processing and use of some type of language such as PECS are able to communicate functionally in daily living situations. Children are introduced to oral gross motor skills by practicing with a variety of whimsical toys to assist them in enriching their sensory experiences.

## Physical Therapy

**P**hysical therapists will pull out children individually throughout the day. Goals include helping children function independently in daily life. Emphasis will be on gross motor coordination skills such as hopping, skipping, climbing stairs, running, riding bikes, skating, catching and throwing, and swimming. Generalization skills are taught in the classroom and on community outings.



## Occupational Therapy & Sensory Integration

**O**ccupational Therapy is devoted to help children function completely independently in their daily lives. When problems arise that limit performance in daily life, we enhance proper development through treatment in a fun, yet therapeutic way. We work on each child's individual deficits. We emphasize teaching eye-hand coordination skills and developing fine and gross motor skills. The children learn to build texture structures and vehicles using interlocking blocks and primary color building blocks, wood blocks and legos. Other hands-on manipulatives such as puzzles, pegboards, attribute-lacing buttons, typing and zipper boards and plastic beads help children build eye-hand coordination skills and fine motor skills. Giant activity balls and heavy duty vinyl kangaroo jumping balls are used to build large muscle strength and balance. Specially designed soft balls, putty and playdough, special texture balls and all sized utility balls are used to practice gripping, throwing, catching, kicking and bouncing and to enhance gross motor skills. Hand-on activities help children practice handwriting skills. Desk tapes and modified handwriting paper assist children with limited fine motor skills. Therapists use magnetic and tactile letters to teach writing. Letter groove manipulatives and modified pencil grips help the children acquire more controlled motor skills and help form letters correctly.

Sensory integration also plays an integral part in each therapy session allowing children to develop skills to appropriately interact with the world around them. In turn, sensory integration helps decrease social and emotional problems as well as distractibility. When children have an over-sensitivity to touch, movement, sights or sounds, we help regulate the basic senses through a variety of activities such as rolling in mats tightly and providing gentle joint compression to the shoulders, elbows, wrists, hips, knees and ankles by using firm pressure, massage and brushing. We teach postural control and motor initiation through jumping on trampolines, moving through obstacle courses, hopping, skipping and alternating movements, as well as bouncing on therapy balls, swinging and much, much more. Children enjoy awakening all of their senses!

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# Behavior Modification, Cognitive & Educational Therapy

**B**ehavior Modification is an integral part of healing the child with autism. Our highly-trained teachers and therapists provide intensive instruction using the methods of applied Behavior Analysis. Applied in a comprehensive, intensive and sustained way, we carefully plan learning opportunities for children and reinforce desired behaviors at a high rate. Each behavioral intervention is highly individualized and tailored to each child's current levels of functioning and projected future. Because parental involvement is a crucial component of effective behavioral changes, we provide opportunities for parents to learn and practice ABA interventions during therapy. Early behavioral intervention greatly improves language, social skills, play, self-help and problematic behavior such as tantrums, stereotypic and ritualistic responding, withdrawal, self-injury and aggression. Successful integration in regular schools is another positive effect that is well supported by data.


**Mathematics** is taught through Literature-based Instruction. This is a creative new way to teach math. By using interesting, fun-filled stories with concepts such as "big, bigger and biggest," we teach weight, money, time, fractions, numerals and more. Unifix cubes are used to help children match cubes to numerical expressions. Other math manipulatives are used for sorting, counting, coin discrimination, problem solving, number recognition, basic number facts, sequencing and more! Textured, tactile shapes of numbers and interlocking magnetic numbers are used to help children outline each number to reinforce recognition, formation and shape. Students also compare color, texture and shape with pattern block activities. Abstract math concepts become real to students when they touch, count, compare, stack, sort and group.

**Reading and Writing** are also taught through a Literature-based Approach. Fun-filled stories are used to discriminate sight words, build meaning from new words and enhance phonological awareness. Flash cards are a simple and fun way to build up vocabulary and develop word and image recognition. Hands-on

activities help children practice handwriting skills. Letter groove manipulatives and modified pencil grips help the children acquire more controlled motor skills and help form letters correctly. Teachers use magnetic and tactile letters for multisensory fun that teaches writing in a kinesthetic way. Desk tapes, and modified handwriting paper assist children with limited fine motor skills.

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## Super Saturdays/ Super Holidays

 Each Saturday morning from 9am-12pm the children experience three hours of intensive, hands-on, educational training, behavior modification and cognitive sensory-based activities, as well as art and computer technology instruction. We also offer music group therapy. The afternoon consists of community-based instruction which includes activities designed to increase fine and gross motor skills, as well as language and muscular development.

Children with autism and other developmental delays learn to transfer their social skills to the environment in which they live. Therefore, our "Super Saturday" program consists of wonderfully planned, fun-filled field trips from 12pm-4pm such as swimming with the dolphins, horseback riding, visiting the petting zoo, The Parrot Jungle and Dandy Bear, swimming in the ocean and the pool and much, much more!!! This much needed program gives children a head start for the school, as they make "Leaps & Bounds" on Saturdays building their confidence and self-esteem while socializing, interacting, and just plain ole' having fun!!!

On holidays throughout the school year, we also offer a similar program and schedule for our children.

*Scholarships are now available through the Children's Trust!*



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# “Leaps & Bounds” Full Day School

We accept McKay School Vouchers for full payment if your child's Matrix score is 254 or 255!

Parents who receive Title One, Med Waiver or SSI funding will not need to pay any additional costs for school. Daily lunch & bus transportation will be provided as needed.

Our Full Day Alternative School Program runs forty weeks and follows the Dade County Public School Calendar.

Our unique, intensive Speech and Language-based program centers completely around each child's individual goals — both cognitively and behaviorally. Children experience seven hours of intensive, hands-on, educational training, behavior modification and cognitive sensory-based activities. As they make “**Leaps & Bounds**” building their confidence and self-esteem, they also learn to socialize and interact in small group settings. We provide a 1:1 teacher/student ratio for those who need it.

Most classrooms have 4-5 children per class staffed by Master's Level Degree, Florida Special Education Teachers with vast experience in integrating many various therapeutic programs for children with autism and other developmental delays, and one highly trained teacher assistant per classroom. Having a 4-5 children ratio per teacher in each class enables us to provide individualized instruction and meet each child's individual goals. Children who require a smaller teacher-student ratio, may opt for three to seven hours of additional one to one therapy per day.

Our program is based on a traditional ABA method (Applied Behavior Analysis), yet we integrate various practices and have adapted many approaches to teaching including the following: The Pyramid Approach to learning, whereby reinforcement plays a key role in motivating the child to learn; The Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) to increase expressive communication for those who need it; Dr. Ivar Lovaas' approach to teaching receptive and expressive language through discrete trials while tracking data; and Dr. Stanley Greenspan's well known “Floor-time Approach” to enhance play and interaction. Additionally music therapy plays a key role in our program to promote and enhance expressive language through song, while

teaching children to make requests, follow directions, share, take-turns and increase joint attention skills. Additionally, social skills training is taught through community-based instruction on our wonderfully stimulating weekly field-trips such as swimming, sailing, and horseback riding. These activities allow the children to become aware of the community in which they live while promoting generalization of each new skill learned. Space is Limited! Register now for our Day School Program!

## Transition to Adulthood



**I**ncreasing attention is being paid to the needs of learners with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as they enter adolescence and grow into adulthood. Where job placement was once considered desirable, now the goal is career development. Instead of residential placement, now there is talk of residential choices in support of quality of life.

Our “**Transition to Adulthood**” program provides our students with skills and training so that they can perform as adults in their daily living and in the outside work place including

Job training & Interviewing	Job Placement
Money Exchange skills at Publix	Metro Rail/Bus Practice
Cooking	Laundry

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# About the Carrie Brazer Center

The Carrie Brazer Center for Autism & Alternative Approaches, Inc. program for children with autism and other developmental delays consists of highly structured, consistent, cognitive and community-based instruction based solely on the principles of positive reinforcement through the school and camp curriculum. The Center strives to meet each child's educational and behavioral goals. Individual programs are designed to meet the specific educational, developmental and emotional needs of each child and family.



The Carrie Brazer Center for Autism & Alternative Approaches, Inc. was founded in 1999 by Carrie Brazer, a Florida Certified Special Education teacher with a Masters Degree in Varying Exceptionalities. She has made it her life's mission to find alternative treatments to heal the autistic child while heightening community awareness through her fundraising efforts with the National Alliance for Autism Research/Autism Speaks.

## What We Are

The Carrie Brazer Center for Autism & Alternative Approaches, Inc. is a nonprofit organization which provides one-on-one cognitive, speech, music and occupational therapy as well as behavioral interventions for children with autism and other development delays. The program consists of a highly structured, consistent, behavior-based instruction combined with opportunities to generalize new skills and behaviors through participating in community-based outings.

## Mission

The Carrie Brazer Center for Autism & Alternative Approaches, Inc. focuses on providing a full "team" support for the child and the family. We are open-minded and receptive to alternative treatments and methods that may benefit the child. We will provide an integrative, systemic approach aimed to help children reach their optimal potentials for independent living while supporting the family through education, training and assistance.

## Purpose

The purpose of The Carrie Brazer Center for Autism & Alternative Approaches, Inc. is to design an individual program to meet the specific educational, developmental and emotional needs of each and every child and family. We strive to strengthen, educate and empower families who have children with autism and other developmental delays by providing the following services:

- ▶ Applied Behavior Analysis
- ▶ Full Day Therapy and School
- ▶ Speech and Language Therapy
- ▶ Occupational and Physical Therapy
- ▶ Psychotherapy and Support Groups
- ▶ Guest Speakers and Workshops
- ▶ Holistic Interventions
- ▶ Diet and Nutritional Support
- ▶ Parent Training
- ▶ Summer Camp
- ▶ Field Trips
- ▶ Saturday Instruction
- ▶ Music Therapy
- ▶ Massage Therapy

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