

# CURBSIDE CONNECTION

## IT'S AUTISM AWARENESS & ACCEPTANCE MONTH!



### A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

As my first note from the President, I thought it would be nice to introduce our April "My Why" series. This will our opportunity to introduce you to our amazing CC family and share with you "why" we do what we do! Please follow our Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages for more information!

As for me, "My Why" started with a little tween boy that I unexpectedly met waaaaay back in -1997 when I worked as an in-home counselor with at-risk youth. Little did I know that this sweet child would change the course of my clinical life forever. You can get the full story in April on our social media pages!

April is a month completely dedicated to highlighting education, awareness, and support of individuals diagnosed with autism and their families! This month, Conduct Curb will run a "My Why" series on all social media outlets,, disseminate First Responders training material, conduct an "Intro to Autism and Available Support" training available to the community, wear our best Autism Awareness paraphernalia, and participate in autism events across the Indiana (i.e., fairs, 5Ks, etc.). Please join us in spreading awareness! What's your "WHY"?!



## BEHAVIOR WORD OF THE MONTH

Our behavior word of the month is "stim!" A stim is short for self-stimulatory behavior. We not only see this in individuals that are neurodivergent, but many neurotypical individuals also stim without knowing it! Do you tap your leg when you're anxious? Or rub your feet together the moment you sit on the couch to relax? Those are stims because they bring a sense of comfort or stimulation to our bodies. Other examples of stims include hand flapping, jumping up and down, and pacing back and forth.



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### ALEXANDRIA

Alexandria continues to move in a positive direction. We have a new preschool teacher, Brooklyn Stansberry! Brooklyn will be joining the preschool team and working under our preschool lead, Molly, to bring the preschool curriculum and fun activities to Alexandria! We will also be adding additional clinical leadership to Alexandria! Stay tuned and look out for next month's issue to find out who.

### ANDERSON

Starting April 1st, 2025, Conduct Curb is splitting our Early Learning Services building and our School Aged building into two separate entities. This includes clinical oversight and Registered Behavior Technician assignments. We are also excited to announce that we will have upcoming updates to our Early Learning gross motor room and the starting plans to develop improved reinforcement and gross motor space for our School Aged building.

### NEW CASTLE

Exciting things are happening at our newest clinic. We moved into our new space during the fall of 2024. This more than quadrupled our therapy provision space! As we continue to add new kiddos and employees to our Conduct Curb family, we continue to add to our resources available to our kiddos! Check us out this summer as we plan to add our private playground for our CC kiddos! Additionally, we have increased our clinical leadership presence in New Castle! Chastity Casanova, MA has moved from our Alexandria clinic to our New Castle clinic. Chastity brings over 6 years of experience to our NC kiddos and a deep understanding and empathy for parents of children with autism, as she is the mother of a child with autism herself. We are so blessed and proud to have Chasity assist with leading our NC team!

### PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

March has been such an amazing month in preschool. We have learned to use touch point math, write words using short a and short e, and met several community helpers. Learning about how police keep us safe and who to call in an emergency has been exciting and fun. Students will continue with touch math and learning letter sounds in April as we also have fun with Easter and spring activities. Stay tuned for an Easter Egg hunt, fun crafts, and lots of learning with jelly beans, bunnies, and Peeps!





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### MEET OUR NEW STAFF

We'd love to highlight some of our new staff members of 2025! Since January, we have hired on 16 new employees, 15 technicians and 1 ABA Intake Coordinator in total. Five of those employees were already Registered Behavior Technicians (RBT) and as of the end of March, we have had 5 new employees pass their RBT Exam!

At our New Castle location, we have 2 new Behavior Technicians (BT) and 1 new RBT. At Alexandria, we have 2 new RBTs. Lastly, Anderson has welcomed 6 RBTs and 2 BTs to the team! We are so excited for them all to join us!

### NEW POSITIONS:

- Ben Lawson, MA,  
BCBA - Anderson ABA:  
School Aged Center  
Clinical Lead
- Chastity Casanova, MA,  
RBT - Alexandria ABA  
Center Clinical Lead
- Megan Senter, MA,  
BCBA - Anderson ABA:  
Early Learning Center  
Clinical Lead



Sarah Spicer, RBT, Carissa Harris, RBT, and  
Macy Wynne, BT



Andrell Pickett, BT, Kendall Ryan, RBT, Morgan Thatcher, RBT, Selena Yoder, RBT,  
Kegan Kuklenski, RBT, Desteny Mullenix, RBT, Eboney Simonds, BT and Brittany  
Beardsley, RBT



Zion Humphrey, BT Intern



Britney Miller, RBT and Amanda Buell, RBT