



## The Little Tree Learning Center

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### Services provided at Little Tree Learning Center

At the Little Tree preschool, we provide a variety of services. Our program exists to provide empirically validated early intervention services for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD's) and other developmental delays, as well as a high quality preschool experience for all children 2 1/2 to 5 years old.

Our **intervention program** is based on the rigorous studies showing best outcomes for children with developmental delays. These studies are found within the field of Applied Behavior Analysis. ABA intervention for ASD's is a very costly intervention because of the number of hours recommended per week. Children can make significant progress if ABA intervention begins early, if it is intensive (30-40 hrs. per week), and if the family assists in providing the intervention at home in addition to preschool. As you may imagine, intensive intervention is hard work, but a very worthy investment. We provide 35 hours of intervention at The Little Tree each week, and in-home services throughout the week in the child's home. We have two Board Certified Behavior Analysts on staff, and we are a practicum site for the AU Department of Psychology's ABA/DD Master's program.

We also provide a **high-quality preschool program** for typically developing children, and our teachers are all degreed professionals. Not only is ABA an intervention for ASD's, the field of ABA provides us with empirically validated teaching procedures for reading, math, and other skills all children need to learn! So, children attending our preschool will not only be prepared for kindergarten, they will have learned tolerance, patience, and understanding of children different than they are. Due to the social deficits associated with autism, it is crucial for children with ASD's to have the opportunity to interact with and observe play in typically developing preschoolers. It is a great experience for children to develop friendships like these early in life!

### Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD's) and how you can help!

We are a non-profit preschool and ABA intervention program that has relied on grant funding during our first 2 start-up years. We have been blessed to receive support from the Alabama State Department of Education and The Learning Tree, Inc. This year we hope to get more support from the community in the form of corporate sponsors, gifts and ongoing private supporters interested in investing in the lives of children diagnosed with these disorders.

As you may have heard or read in the news lately, Autism Spectrum Disorders are getting national recognition because these disorders are so life-altering and researchers have yet to uncover the cause. Until we know the reason these disorders occur, join with The Little Tree to help the kids already diagnosed! Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention is KEY! Join us during 2007-2008 with your support by participating in our community events!

### Upcoming Events!

**YARD SALE!!! August 11<sup>th</sup> at 421 Opelika Road**

**Golf Tournament!!!**

**Auburn Links Golf Course  
September 24<sup>th</sup> (see enclosures)**

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