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## Little Tree Updates

After our two week summer break between semesters, Little Tree staff and students were ready to get back to school! We reopened on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August.

A new group of practicum students from the ABA/DD Master's program at AU began their 6-month practicum rotation at The Little Tree the last week of August. As part of their practicum requirements, these students work 10 hours per week at Little Tree getting hands on training and supervision providing high-quality behavioral intervention for the children attending Little Tree. Listed below are the Master's students training with us this rotation:

Rob Davidson, Tucson, AR

Ryan Denny, Tuscaloosa, AL

Brooke Douglas, Altamonte Springs, FL

Katie Schneller, Auburn, AL

Jennifer Suter, Leavenworth, KS

Clint Trusty, Memphis, TN

Jenny Underwood, Headland, AL

Our new group of undergraduate practicum students from Auburn University also started on the 20<sup>th</sup>. This semester we have a great group of undergraduates eager to learn more about providing behavioral intervention for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder's and other developmental disorders.

## Building our Professional Advisory Board

We are in the process of inviting community members to serve on our professional advisory board. For more information about this great opportunity, please contact me at [smithkh@auburn.edu](mailto:smithkh@auburn.edu).

## Recommended Reading List

Some great resources for parents are listed below. Pass the list along to a family just learning about Autism Spectrum Disorders.

**Let Me Hear Your Voice**, by Catherine Maurice. This book is a mother's story of both her children receiving autism diagnoses, and her journey through searching for appropriate interventions.

**Behavioral Intervention for Young Children with Autism: A Manual for Parents and Professionals**, by Catherine Maurice, Gina Green, and Steve Luce. This manual provides a wealth of information ranging from research outcomes to IEP information. We recommend that all our students buy this book!

**Controversial Therapies for Developmental Disabilities**, by John Jacobson, Richard Foxx, and James Mulick. This book reviews many therapies advertised and provided for children with ASD's and reviews the research backing each of the therapies. Unfortunately, many interventions recommended are not empirically validated, and this book is a great place to start when parents are trying to make sense out of so many different intervention options!

## Upcoming Events!

### First Annual Little Tree Charity Golf Tournament!

### Where? Auburn Links Golf Course

### When? We have moved our tournament to late October!

If you would like to play in our golf tournament, or to receive more information, please email me at [smithkh@auburn.edu](mailto:smithkh@auburn.edu) or call 826-1847.