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Established in 1983, The Learning Tree, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to children and adolescents with significant educational, medical, and behavioral challenges; helping them develop and maintain a quality of life expected by non-disabled members of their family and community. The Learning Tree, Inc. and its programs admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin. The Learning Tree is governed by a volunteer board of directors, representative of the primary service areas in the State of Alabama.

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A Message From the Executive Director, Dr. Marc Williams

The IMPACT of Community



Throughout 2023 we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of The Learning Tree. Without community relationships and support, The Learning Tree would not be possible. On behalf of The Learning Tree, I want to say thank you. Thank you to our neighbors, public safety officials, board members, volunteers, families, and all others who define what community means to this organization.

In a world filled with "me, me, me", let's focus on how we can best IMPACT our communities for the benefit of our exceptional children and all that follow.

In 2023 we celebrated the milestone of 40 years of service. 2024 we will focus on providing even better service for the next 40 years. Let's get to work!

With Sincerest Appreciation, Marc

2023 Impact

83 Residential School Children | 35 Homes

28/153

School Consultation Services Provided in 28 Alabama Counties to 153 Public School Students

15,335

15,335 trips for Residential Children



Growing Independence Behavioral Services Provided 36,765 Behavior Therapy Hours for 68 Children

Mobile Celebrates Opening of New Multi-Purpose Facility

The Learning Tree's Mobile Campus celebrated the grand opening of their newly renovated "warehouse". It has been transformed into a beautiful multi-purpose facility, featuring offices, meeting spaces, training areas, a state-of-theart kitchen, recreation space, and more. Students and staff have enjoyed being able to spread out and make use of the new space.





Mobile staff and students took a day to enjoy the nice weather and time at the zoo.

Staying Active



The Birmingham boys make friends wherever they go!



Several residents from our Mobile campus participated in a dance recital hosted by Dance without Limits.

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A Learning Tree Christmas

Kids and staff from all over Alabama celebrated the Christmas season with holiday parties. They were joined by family, friends, and SANTA. Thank you to families and community members for putting forth the effort to make Christmas extra special. Thank you to sponsors: America's First Federal Credit Union, Anniston Army Depot, First Methodist Church of Tallassee, Gulf Distributing, and Inspirien.





A Job with Purpose

Donna Satterlee Ross joined The Learning Tree staff in September at the Anniston Growing Independence Behavioral Services location. Her knowledge of The Learning Tree began when her daughter was a preschool student at The Little Tree Preschool 15 years ago. After working for several years as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), Donna decided to work at The Learning Tree, an organization that left a positive impression on her family years ago.

The Learning Tree is filled with staff members from all over the United States, many have landed here by chance, and many have landed here by a guided journey. We plan to highlight staff stories in the future as we explore "A Job with Purpose".



Growing Independence Behavioral Services state wide quarterly meeting.

Time Together



TLT families enjoyed a Thanksgiving celebration and time together. Thank you to Dr. and Mrs. John Caldwell for providing lunch for our Tallassee group.

A Little Friendly Competition

The Jacksonville/Anniston region celebrated the Halloween season with a door decorating contest. Congratulations to Dawn Turner at the Jacksonville Square office on her winning HOCUS POCUS door design!



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DID YOU KNOW: The Learning Tree employs hundreds of staff across the state of Alabama who are DEDICATED to the children they serve through residential, educational, clinical, and preschool services! We are grateful for the LOVE of the children they serve!





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Growing Together while Growing Together: The kids grew their own beauty this summer with the help of our master gardener, Johnny Floyd! Beautiful work guys!





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Happy National Chicken & Waffle Day... with a

#tltrocks 😸 #October2023 #specialneeds

#Alabama #40years #SpecialEducation #autism

chicken 🥚 egg for Friday morning breakfast! 🍗 🥯



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"Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together." - Woodrow T. Wilson.





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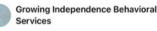
Merry Christmas from the 2023 Jacksonville Residential Christmas Party at Fiddlers Green

#christmas #christmastime #christmasmusic #christmasdecor #christmasgifts2023 #autismacceptance #autism #SpecialEducation #tltrocks 😸 #residentialcare #bekindtoeveryone #abatherapy #directcareservices #specialneeds #40years #Alabama









Hi everyone! I'm Madison Calton and I am so happy to be the newest BCBA at GIBS Mobile! I am originally from Dothan, AL. I graduated from Troy University in May 2021 where I majored in Psychology with a minor in Applied Behavior Analysis. During this time, I also worked as an RBT for two years and quickly fell in love with ABA! So much so that I went on to Auburn University to get my masters in ABA afterward, where



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🍀 Happy Friday!!! 🙆





Headed out to do some candy collection with some pretty awesome characters in Mobile!



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Learning Tree Charity Classic

The Learning Tree is proud to host the inaugural Learning Tree Charity Classic (LTCC), a team roping competition. The LTCC will be held in Franklin, Georgia, at Heard County Covered Area on Saturday, May 4th, and Sunday, May 5th, 2024. The event will be advertised across the southeast. Each participant will vie for first place in their division as they compete with ropers from other areas.

Sponsorships for the LTCC are available by contacting Erica Brown at 256-490-1648, or ebrown@learning-tree.org. We are excited to offer this family fun event and support the children in our programs.

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