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Our Second Newsletter

by Romina Kiryakous, CEO

This has been a fantastic month for both Genesis Behavior Center and FirstPath Autism. We've restructured much of our internet presence and reached new heights with the projects we've previously established.

Our company and projects are made strong by the hard work of our staff as well as the cooperation and dedication of caretakers and parents.

This month you will read about our Tuesday Tips that have taken Facebook by storm, the Steps to Social Success Videos that make visual task analysis fun for parents and children alike, and look at some arts and crafts projects for the coming holiday season.



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"Very cute idea" –Facebook follower



"Every night at sunset!" –Facebook follower

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5 reasons why dogs make great companions for people with autism.

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/blog/2016/08/26/5-reasons-why-dogs-make-great-companions-people-autism>

FSU Football Player Joins Boy With Autism Eating Lunch Alone

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/fsu-football-player-joins-boy-autism-eating-lunch/story?id=41767989>

Five Young Adults Fiction Books Featuring Characters with Autism

<http://www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2014/06/02/five-ya-fiction-books-featuring-characters-with-autism/>

State insurance mandates increase access to affordable autism care

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/science/science-news/state-insurance-mandates-increase-access-affordable-autism-care>



FirstPath's Tuesday Tips

by FirstPath Media Team

Tuesday Tips from FirstPath are a way to keep your approach to parenting or teaching fresh and fun!

For FirstPath's social media campaign, we wanted a way to deliver fun and helpful advice to parents and professionals every week. Tuesday Tips are a great way to help with dealing with certain situations that might come up on a daily basis.

Tuesday Tip #24:

Puzzle pieces made from a picture of your child's reinforcer can be a fun and logical token system. A completed token puzzle earns that prize!

In Tuesday tip #24 we show you a great tip on how puzzle pieces made from a picture of your child's reinforcer can be a fun and logical token system! By showing them responsibility for, let's say, cleaning their room they get a puzzle piece and by washing the dishes they get another piece and so on until they have the entire puzzle completed their reward is whatever the picture of puzzle is!

Tuesday Tip #25:

Taking walks with your child can stimulate conversation skills. Comment on what you see during the walk and prompt your child to return comments back.

In Tuesday tip #25 we show how important it is that we communicate with children on their dreams and goals or problems they might be experiencing by taking a walk and commenting on the scenery, or (if a child is high functioning) biking, or bird watching to

get them out of their "closed in" feeling of the house. Open air, open sky, open heart.

These are just some examples of our Tuesday Tips. They are excellent ideas and advice for making your life and your children's a little bit easier and enjoyable without frustration.

Our Tuesday tips are written by our best in-house BCBA's at Genesis Behavior Center with the qualifications to generate tips guaranteed to work for children with or without autism.

Arts and Crafts for the Holidays!

Make the holidays a fun time to flex your and your children's creativity muscles! Here are some fun things to do with your child over the upcoming holiday seasons!

Make a Halloween costume

Creating a costume from scratch with your child is a great way to spend time together, whether you plan on trick-or-treating or staying home on Halloween night. Ask your child what he/she would like to dress up as. Some questions to consider asking are:

- What is your child's favorite movie?
- What is your child's favorite cartoon/tv show?
- What is your child's favorite superhero?
- What does your child want to be when they grow up?

Make sure to choose a fabric that is comfortable for your child.

Local fabric stores will have the resources necessary, and should be able to direct you to exactly what you need.

If needed, there are plenty of online resources for stencils to outline the shapes of your costume. At the end of the day, the fun is in the process! Make it zany and fun!

Custom Art Placemats

With all the holiday lunches and dinners on the horizon, there is a simple, yet touching way to brighten up your guests: Custom Art Placemats.

Make sure to choose a placemat surface that is durable, but able to be colored on at the same time. You can even choose something as simple as colored paper, or "construction" paper, and have the final products laminated.

Get your child some art supplies, and let them loose! Holiday meals will mean so much more, when you see the smile and appreciation from your guests as they take in the beautiful creations!

Custom Art Wrapping Paper

Another way to show off the beautiful artistic abilities of your child is by making custom wrapping paper. You will need some blank white wrapping paper. The rest is up to your child's imagination! Some ideas for what your child can use to decorate the wrapping paper are:

- Glitter
- Markers
- Paint
- Stickers
- Crayons

A gift wrapped in your child's art is sure to brighten up the day of anyone on the receiving end!

Other ideas to get your child involved this holiday season: Let your child help you decorate! Let your child help you bake! Let your child be the DJ!

The more your child is involved and spending time with you, the better! So get creative and enjoy these holiday seasons!

Steps to Social Success® Videos!

by FirstPath Autism Team

FirstPath Autism is proud to announce our new Steps to Social Success® video series on YouTube!

This new how-to video series can be utilized as helpful tutorials for helping to teach important specialized situations.

A Modern Learning Aid for Modern Learners

Designed as a supplementary teaching tool for our Steps to Social Success® stories, our free-to-view Youtube series will help engage children and set examples beyond description or pictures.

New videos are scheduled to release every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to ensure that every topic where help is needed can be covered.

Need the Steps Story to help as well?

The premade Steps stories that correspond to each video can be found in the video's description! Print these to make a visual task analysis, read along with the video, or keep handy for when a video is not available.

Of course, these videos and printouts can only go so far in your autism journey. To learn how to apply behavior therapy, create lesson plans, or even create your own Steps to Social Success stories there is more to be learned.

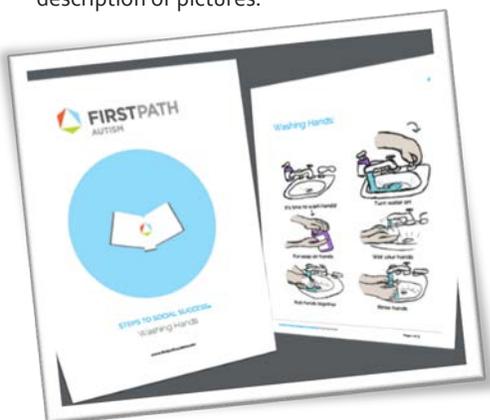
FirstPath's Steps To Social Success® Videos are live now! Check the [FirstPath Autism Youtube channel](#) to view these videos for free! [Subscribe to the channel](#) to be notified when new videos release every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday!



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the [FirstPath Autism Blog](#) for information like this!

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Employee of the Month

This month we assessed the performances of several employees to find those who stood out, were consistent in their professionalism and work ethic, knew how to keep communication open and were paragons of dedication and Genesis' values.

This month we are proud to list these three as employees of the month:

- Samantha Freel
- Sabrina Martell
- Raquel Richardson



Congratulations to our September employees of the month!

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