



# SERVICES

Axis provides a variety of services to treat your child as well as provide support for your family as a whole.



## ABA Therapy

the assessment and customized intervention of social, behavioral, communication and learning skills through evidence-based treatment.

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## Speech Therapy

the diagnosis, evaluation, and customized treatment of communication problems and speech disorders.

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## Occupational Therapy

the assessment and customized intervention to develop and improve a person's ability to perform daily activities.

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## Feeding Therapy

SOS feeding is the "Sequential Oral Sensory" Approach to feeding therapy and is one of the most well researched methods to tackling difficulties with feeding and mealtimes.

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## Social Skills Groups

Axis offers social skills groups for ages 10-18. Based on the needs and goals of the participants, social skills groups may focus on: initiating interaction with peers, forming and maintaining friendships, navigating peer relationships, maintaining a conversation, appropriate language and behavior used in social settings, gameplay (winning and losing gracefully), collaborative group projects, identifying and managing feelings, recognizing and responding to emotions in others, taking the perspective of others, conflict resolution, angermanagement, coping skills, and bullying.



## Parent Support Group

This group provides an opportunity for parents to meet to share ideas, experiences, resources, discuss a variety of topics related to raising a child with special needs, as well as benefit from the support of other families going through similar situations. Groups are open to the public and free of cost.

## FEEDING THERAPY

Axis offers feeding therapy utilizing the SOS Approach. SOS feeding is the "Sequential Oral Sensory" Approach to feeding therapy and is one of the most well researched methods to tackling difficulties with feeding and mealtimes. While utilizing the steps to feeding, this approach systematically introduces new foods to your child while working on both the sensory processing and the oral motor skills needed to independently participate in self-feeding and mealtime activities.

Here are a few red flags that may warrant a feeding evaluation:

- Difficulty gaining or maintaining weight
- Consistent choking, gagging, and/or coughing during meals
- Frequent issues with vomiting



- Inability to transition to baby food purees by 10-months
- Inability to accept any table food solids by 12-months
- Refusing entire categories of food groups (i.e., proteins, vegetables, etc.) AND/OR textures (hard foods, purees, etc.)
- Almost always requires a different meal at mealtimes than the rest of the family
- Less than 20 foods in their repertoire
- Frequently gets burned out on foods and "takes a break" from it



## ABA THERAPY

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is the ONLY researched-based treatment proven to significantly improve the lives of individuals with autism and other special needs. It does so by dramatically decreasing challenging behaviors while increasing skills needed for effective communication, learning, and everyday living. ABA has the power to change people's lives! Our ABA therapy program provides behavioral intervention and treatment in different forms depending upon each child's and family's needs. Each child will have an individualized treatment plan with goals created by a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) after a detailed assessment has been performed. Therapy will be implemented through a team-based approach, in which the BCBA and trained Registered Behavior Technicians work together to help each child reach his or her goals. Treatment sessions are conducted in Discrete Trials Training and Natural Environment Training formats and are based upon each child's individual learning style. Areas targeted include: all domains of functional communication and language, visual discrimination, imitation skills, appropriate play skills, self-help skills, potty training, motor skills, pre-academic skills, social skills, appropriate mealtime behaviors, observational learning, generalization, and parent training.



## SPEECH THERAPY

Speech and Language Therapy involves the diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of communication disorders of all ages. Our Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) are educated in the study of human communication, its development, and its disorders. They assess speech, language, cognitive-communication, and oral/feeding/swallowing skills. This lets them identify a problem and the best way to treat it. Specific areas of treatment include: expressive and receptive language, articulation, phonological awareness, apraxia of speech, augmentative communication, feeding and swallowing difficulties, and social communication skills.



## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Occupational Therapy is a field of therapy dedicated to ensuring clients can do the activities they need to do each day as well as the activities which bring their life meaning. In the pediatric setting, these skills include activities of daily living (brushing teeth, brushing hair, daily hygiene, etc) self-dressing skills (fasteners, dressing self, tying shoes, etc), play skills, and academic skills (handwriting, cutting, etc). Within these areas Occupational Therapists will typically work on activity specific skills as well as foundation skills which include areas such as fine motor strength, coordination, balance, visual perceptual skills, ocular motor skills, sensory processing, executive functioning, cognition, body awareness, and many





other areas. Occupational Therapists can work on many different skills and if there are concerns with fine motor skills, coordination, sensory processing, or delays in academic, self-care/self-dressing, and play skills, an Occupational Therapy evaluation may be beneficial to determine if weekly specialized occupational therapy services are warranted.