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August 2020

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Many things have changed since our last newsletter, but one thing has stayed the same. Children and families continue to receive care and support from Anna Shaw Children's Institute. We have been serving the community for almost a year and a half! Much has happened during this time, including an impossible to predict pandemic!

For six weeks, we temporarily changed the method of our delivery to telemedicine. In late April, we began to transition back to face-to-face patient appointments. In both settings, we provided services from our four care pillars - medical, psychology, therapy, and family support.

Using the safety guidelines from the CDC, everyone at Anna Shaw Children's Institute has been delightfully busy providing champion care to children and their families. Over the past 16 months, we have cared for over 600 children. Our provider team now includes four registrars, a financial counselor, a developmental behavioral pediatrician, a neurodevelopmental pediatrician, a child psychologist, two board-certified behavior analysts, two registered behavior technicians, four speech therapists, three occupational therapists, two physical therapists, a music therapist, a social worker/resource coordinator, a care navigator, and an educational resource coordinator. Additionally, we have expanded our planning and programming to include a collaboration with the Creative Arts Guild for a program titled *Arts in the Treetops*. The initial session on music was held last fall. With hopeful anticipation, we are planning future events.

Anna Shaw Children's Institute continues to provide Classes to Help Assist and Motivate Parents, referred to as the CHAMPS series. These classes are held on the first Tuesday of each month. The topic for September is *An Introduction to Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder*, presented by Dr. Emily Brandt. Upcoming topics include *An Introduction to School-Based Services* by Lindsey Coker in October, *Managing Anxieties in Children* by Dr. Evan Anderson in November, and finishing our year with *Solving your Child's Sleep Problems* by Dr. Nancy Carnevale in December.

There will be a Make and Take Workshop for Visual Supports coming in September too. Please join us on Saturday, September 12 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Visual supports are pictures or other visual items to communicate with children who have difficulty using or understanding language. In this workshop, you will learn why visual supports are used and how you can use them to help your child communicate. This technique can provide structure for daily routines and decrease frustration and anxiety. Therapists will be present to assist you in making basic visual supports.

They will also teach you how to make them for home use. Please call 706.226.8911 to register by September 2, 2020. The cost is \$10 per family for supplies. Space is limited.

Next month's Treetop Talk will feature information about the importance of early intervention.

Stay safe and make every day a great one!

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# Parent Support Group



**The Parent Support Group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.**

All parents, grandparents, guardians, and other family members of children with special needs are invited to take part in a new parent-led Parent Support Group.

Anna Shaw Children's Institute follows social distancing and CDC safety guidelines.

- CHILDREN ARE WELCOME
- CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED
- FREE PIZZA, DRINKS, AND A FUN ACTIVITY

Southern Magnolia room on the lower level  
**Anna Shaw Children's Institute**  
1201 Burleyson Road  
Dalton, Georgia

**RSVP to Lisa Taylor**  
📞 **706.226.8911**



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Latino Parent Support Group



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# GRUPO DE APOYO PARA PADRES LATINOS

Todos los padres, abuelos, guardianes, y otros miembros de la familia de niños con necesidades especiales están invitados a tomar parte en un grupo de apoyo para padres, dirigido por los padres.

Anna Shaw Children's Institute se apega a las guías de seguridad y recomendaciones de distanciamiento social de la CDC.



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**SEGUNDO VIERNES  
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**Necesidades  
Especiales**



**8:30 - 10:00 am**

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# Visual Supports for Home Use: Make & Take Workshop

Learn how to make visual supports that can help adults communicate with non-verbal children.

Facilitated by Lynn Sams, Laurie Shaw, and Laura Ogas  
of Anna Shaw Children's Institute



**Saturday, September 12, 2020  
9 am - Noon**

Anna Shaw Children's Institute  
1201 Burleyson Road, Dalton, Southern Magnolia Meeting Room  
Please park in the lower level parking lot. The upper entrance is locked at 6pm.

Cost is \$10/family. Cash and checks are accepted. Space is limited.

**Please RSVP by September 2 to 706.226.8911.**

The workshop is for parents, grandparents, and guardians. No childcare will be provided. If you would like to attend this class and need assistance with interpretation services and/or auxiliary aids, please indicate when registering. Anna Shaw Children's Institute follows social distancing and CDC safety guidelines.



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Join us each Wednesday on the [Hamilton Health Care System Facebook page](#) for a book reading around the tree by the Anna Shaw Children's Institute staff. There are also several pre-recorded stories on [Hamilton's YouTube channel](#). Click the picture below to watch Lynn Sams, a speech therapist at Anna Shaw Children's Institute, read *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson.



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