



**FEBRUARY 4, 2022**

## See what's happening at The Behavior Exchange.

### Insurance cards

In order to make sure your child does not have any disruption to their therapy, please help us keep all your insurance information up to date by sending us a copy of your insurance cards by this Friday, February 4th.

### Parent's Night Out

We have our Parent's Night Out scheduled for February 17th, just a few days after Valentine's Day. Drop the kids at our place, then go on a belated Valentine's Day date, catch up on errands, or simply relax at home and catch up on your reading.

### Group Parent Training

February brings more opportunities for our families to participate in our Group Parent Training series featuring topics that include: *Behavior: What's in it for me? Understanding the functions of behavior.* / *Social Stories for Families. How to use social stories to help your child understand the world.* / *Managing Meltdowns in McDonald's.*

Beginning this spring, we will also start offering a monthly, ABA therapy in-depth training series. These sessions will go beyond the basics to provide you with a comprehensive understanding of ABA therapy services and how to best support your child.

As we continue to build our training library, we would love to hear from our families about what they would like to engage in more. Send suggestions: [jfarrar@behaviorexchange.com](mailto:jfarrar@behaviorexchange.com)

### Financial Resources

We have put together a resources page for financial resources available to all our families. Please take a look at the next couple of pages and if we can help, contact us.

**Next Newsletter: Feb. 17.**

### TBE Calendar

#### Notable Dates

For all the important dates in one place, be sure to pick up our printed calendar! You can also log on to our site and view selected events: [CLICK HERE](#)

**2/10: Group Parent Training (GPT)**

**2/14: Valentine's Day's:** Wear red or pink!

**2/17: Parent's Night Out (PNO)**

**2/24: Group Parent Training (GPT)**

**Did you know?**



#### TODAY'S WORD IS: ELOPEMENT

Elopement is a scary situation in which a child leaves a designated area by themselves. It includes wandering or outright running away. To help protect your child, develop a safety plan with neighbors and schools; have your child wear a bracelet with their ID or anything easily tracked by a GPS. Most importantly, talk with your child's BCBA about ABA therapy interventions you can use to reduce the risk of elopement. Together, we can keep them safe and sound!



## Financial resources to help put your child's goals within reach.

When changes to insurance coverage or other circumstances make it difficult to cover the costs of services your child needs, like ABA therapy, the organizations listed below may be able to help. They offer funding to families based on various criteria and information provided on an application. We have valuable experience helping families complete applications for grants, so please call to make an appointment if you'd like assistance. You want the best for your child, and so do we!

**To use QR Codes:** Open your camera app on your phone, aim your phone at the QR code, and a link to the organization's website will automatically pop up. Click the link and you'll be taken directly to the website.



### Masonic Home and School of Texas

Masonic Children & Family Services of Texas partners with charitable organizations, medical professionals and educational facilities to provide safety, comfort, food, shelter, healthcare and educational services—basic needs every child and family deserves.



[masonichometx.org/](https://masonichometx.org/)



[masonichometx.org/pdfs/ProviderApplication-Full.pdf](https://masonichometx.org/pdfs/ProviderApplication-Full.pdf)

### United Healthcare Children's Foundation

The UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation (UHCCF) offers timely financial support to families, so they can focus on what is most important — improving the quality of life of their child. UHCCF grants help with medical expenses not covered, or not fully covered, by a family's commercial health insurance.



[uhccf.org/apply-for-a-grant/apply-now/](https://uhccf.org/apply-for-a-grant/apply-now/)

### Variety Texas

Variety of Texas impacts children with special needs and their families by providing resources and empowering experiences.



[varietytexas.org/apply](https://varietytexas.org/apply)

**Note:** Due to overwhelming demand, the Heart of Variety Fund has been paused. However, you can complete their online form to request a notification when they start accepting new applicants again.

*Amongst all the wonderful organizations providing support for individuals and families, these organization have a history of successful applications from families of The Behavior Exchange.*

### Act Today Grant

This program provides funds for products and treatment services. Grants available to civilian, military families, and those with immediate needs.



[act-today.org/apply-for-grant/](https://act-today.org/apply-for-grant/)

### ASDF Programs

Applications accepted May 1 – 21st. Scholarships are available for various summer camp programs.



<https://myasdf.org/our-programs/>

There are more organizations on the next page!



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## More financial resources to try!

### Cerner Charitable Foundation

Formerly First Hand—is building healthier tomorrows and stronger communities around the world through individual medical grants and wellness programs, engaging volunteerism, community initiatives and strategic partnerships.



[cernercharitablefoundation.org/request-funding/](http://cernercharitablefoundation.org/request-funding/)

### The Ezra B. Smith Foundation for Autism Therapy and Education

The Ezra B. Smith Foundation for autism therapy and education strives to provide opportunities for children with autism, from middle income families, who are financially unable to obtain the early intervention treatment and education they need to achieve their fullest potential.



[ebsmithfoundation.org](http://ebsmithfoundation.org)

### Danny's Wish iPads for Autism

Through this program, families with a child on the autism spectrum may apply for an iPad.



[dannyswish.org](http://dannyswish.org)

**Note:** Due to COVID-19, Danny's Wish had to postpone its main charity event which affects its ability to giveaway iPads. Keep checking back for the latest updates. Applications are normally accepted September 1 through December 31 each year.

### Financial Assistance from the State of Texas

Health Insurance Premium Payment Program is a Texas Medicaid program that helps families with at least one person on Medicaid pay for their employer-sponsored health insurance premiums. Premiums are the amount you pay every month for your health insurance.



[hhs.texas.gov/services/financial/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-program?utm\\_source=gethipp-domain&utm\\_medium=vanity-url&utm\\_campaign=website](http://hhs.texas.gov/services/financial/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-program?utm_source=gethipp-domain&utm_medium=vanity-url&utm_campaign=website)

### Imagine A Way Foundation

Imagine A Way stands in the gap for families that have a child on the autism spectrum in need of critical therapeutic services.



[imagineaway.org](http://imagineaway.org)

### National Autism Association

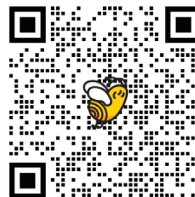
Provides communication devices to individuals with autism who are non-verbal or minimally verbal and whose communication challenges put them at risk of injury or harm.



[nationalautismassociation.org](http://nationalautismassociation.org)

### Varghese Summersett PLLCA Autism Scholarship

This program provides \$500 scholarships for children's needs which can include iPads, summer camp, etc.



[versustexas.com/scholarships](http://versustexas.com/scholarships)

*Just two friends  
hugging and helping  
each other.*

*YEPI!*



If you're interested in funding from an organization not listed here, please let us know. We may still be able to help! Please feel free to contact our office if you have any additional questions. Thank you!



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