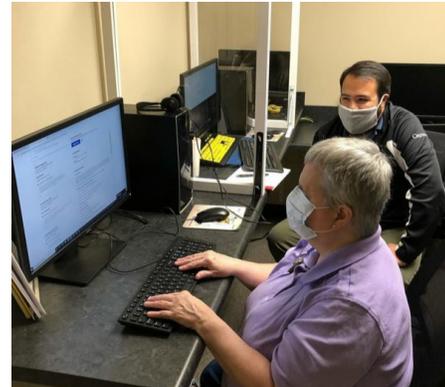




Easterseals of the Birmingham Area Newsletter

SEPTEMBER

As we mentioned in our last newsletter we have moved! During the month of September, we were excited to have our Adult consumers join us in our new location. You will see pictured to the side one of our consumers using our new improved Computer Lab. We are grateful to have laptops that were donated to us by friends in the nonprofit world. We are very happy to announce that we have successfully completed our CARF



accreditation! CARF stands for Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, this was a huge undertaking our team accomplished in September. To explain what CARF is, it means our organization has passed an in-depth review and meets rigorous CARF guidelines for service and quality—a qualified endorsement that it conforms to internationally-recognized service standards and is focused on delivering the most favorable results.

OCTOBER

October was AAC Awareness Month, AAC stands for Augmentative and Alternative Communication. Through a wonderful Medical Assistance Grant given to us by United Way, we were able to provide an iPad programed with LAMP to one of our children in need. This child's family was unable to purchase this expensive program and device on their own. We are thankful for the help from United Way to provide LAMP. LAMP, which stands for Language Acquisition through Motor Planning, is a therapeutic approach using motor learning principles and a voice output communication aid to give non-verbal individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities a method to develop independent and spontaneous



communication. We also want to congratulate our very own Carissa McGuffie, MS, CC-SLP who completed her SOS Approach to Feeding. We are now accepting new feeding patients to our Pediatric Therapy Center! Lastly in October we held a Halloween Fall Festival Trail, this was a safe way we could give back to our children and community. Visit our website to see more pictures of our drive thru trick or treat experience!



NOVEMBER

We want to congratulate the many Adults we have been able to place in jobs this month! To the right you will see one of our happily employed Adults who completed our program and is now working at Wal-Mart Neighborhood in their Bakery-Deli. We were able to participate in Alabama's Virtual Job Fair hosted by Congresswoman, Terri Sewell. We were able to provide a safe space with internet for our Adult consumers to take part in this virtual job fair. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up with everything we have going on each month! We want to wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving!



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