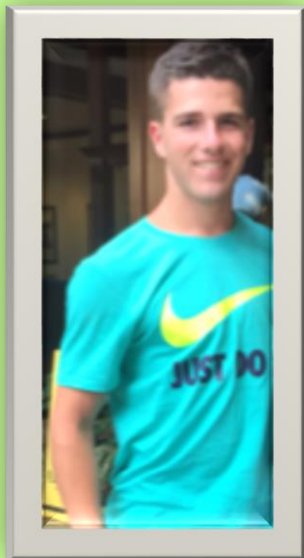


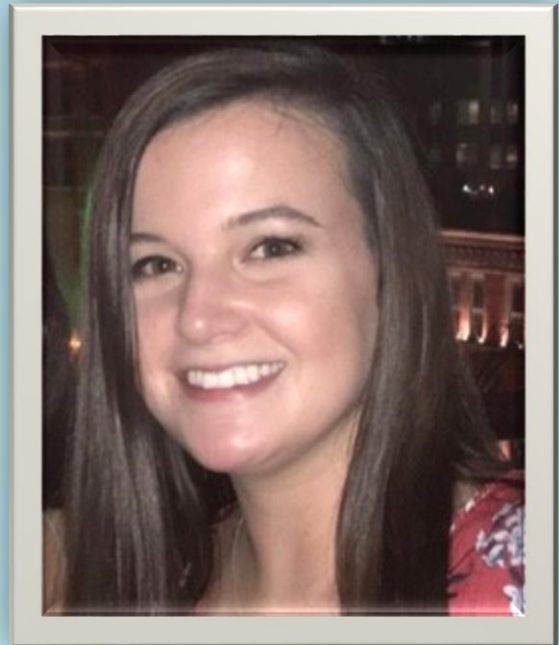


### In the Office

There are a couple of new friendly faces walking the halls of the clinic, our new interns Donny and Katherine! Please help us to welcome them by saying hello! They will be working hard helping us to make materials and prep for sessions. They will also be observing some therapy sessions as part of their coursework. Your clinician may ask permission for them to observe your child's session. If this is an issue, please let your clinician know!



Donny is a student at Bridgewater State University and is studying communication science and disorders and communication studies. He has a lot of passion and interest in the field of speech language pathology, and more specifically, childhood apraxia of speech (CAS). He was diagnosed with CAS as a child and received speech therapy. He aspires to continue on to graduate school and pursue a career in the field!



Katherine is a senior at Stonehill College studying American studies with a double minor of education studies and speech language pathology. She also wants to pursue a Masters degree in speech language pathology and would love to work with children and young adults in the future. Through observations of school classrooms and therapy sessions, she has realized a passion for working with kids one-on-one. The field of speech language pathology has helped her to realize the impact that can be made on a patient's life!



## Upcoming Events

### SensiPlay Sensory Groups

**What:** A new sensory motor program in collaboration with Bay Path University. Children will be grouped in ages 4-6 and 7-10. Children work on and enhance their fine and gross motor skills through Occupational Therapy strategies. Four Master-level OT students and 1 registered Occupational Therapist will lead the instruction.

\* Part of the Kehillah, the JCC Special Needs Program, which provides recreational, social, and enrichment programs for children, teens, and adults with special needs, including cognitive and developmental delays, Down Syndrome, and autism spectrum disorders.

\* Kehillah is open to people of all faiths, ethnicities and beliefs.

\*\*Fees apply, registration is required!! Please contact Kehillah Director Bethany Young, 413-739-4715, x325 or [byoung@springfieldjcc.org](mailto:byoung@springfieldjcc.org)

**When:** October 8<sup>th</sup>- November 12<sup>th</sup> (please visit website for exact dates and times: <http://www.kehillah-sjcc.org/kids/>)

**Where:** Springfield Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Kehillah Special Needs Program

1160 Dickinson Street

Springfield, MA 01108

### Autism Insurance in Massachusetts

**What:** A presentation will be conducted by Terri Farrell, the Project Director at the Autism Insurance Resource Center. In this presentation you will learn about:

- MA Health and the Autism Omnibus Bill
- How to navigate coverage and eligibility
- Premium assistance
- Navigating the Health Connector
- Covered treatments and access
- FAQs

\*\* Registration is required! To register or for more information visit <https://www.icanthrive.org/> or contact Michael Diggins [MDiggins@icanthrive.org](mailto:MDiggins@icanthrive.org) or 508-485-4227 Ext 1004.

**When:** October 10 at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Where:** 65 Boston Post Rd West, Marlborough, MA  
Marlborough, MA



### Special Olympics Young Athletes – Marlboro

**What:** For ages 2- 7 with intellectual disabilities. It is a free, inclusive, unique sports and play program facilitated by trained volunteers, focusing on fun activities important to mental and physical growth. This is an early introduction to sports and the world of Special Olympics. Registration is required and can be completed on this website

[www.specialolympicsma.org/youngathletes](http://www.specialolympicsma.org/youngathletes)

**When:** October 10, 2018 – November 14, 2018

**Where:** There are a few different locations so please visit the website to find one closest to

### iPad Family Club – Sturbridge

**What:** This event is free to the public, however, registration is required. Please visit the following website to register [www.sevenhills.org/whats-happening/calendar/seven-hills](http://www.sevenhills.org/whats-happening/calendar/seven-hills) or contact 774.241.2500. I-Pads give voice to Adults and Children with Autism and other disabilities. Learn how to navigate APPs that assist with communication, social skills, and homework. Bring your iPads, or use the Center's iPad.

**When:** October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 6-8 pm

**Where:** 208 Charlton Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566

### Social Thinking Conference

**What:** Social thinking conference where participants will uncover the reasons negative emotions can take over, explore new treatment tools for understanding the role of emotions in social interactions and cognitions, learn to apply the Superflex and Social Detective curriculum and vocabulary to help kids develop core social competencies, and evolve knowledge of core Social Thinking Vocabulary, concepts, and treatment frameworks. Registration is required and sessions are selling out quickly! So please visit the following website to quickly register; [www.socialthinking.com/](http://www.socialthinking.com/)

**When:** October 19<sup>th</sup> all day

**Where:** Four Points by Sheraton Norwood  
1125 Boston Providence Tpke  
Norwood, MA 02062



## CANDY CORN CHALLENGE



There will be a jar filled with candy corns displayed in the waiting room. Each child is allowed one guess (siblings included). The child that correctly guesses the amount of candy corns in the jar, or comes closest to that number without going over, will win! They will get to take the jar and another special prize home!

### **\*\*Costume Contest\*\***

It's that time of year again and we need your help picking the Halloween costumes for Let's Talk staff! There will be a voting box located in the waiting room with costume options to choose from. We can't wait to see what everyone picks!

Thank you for reading our Let's Talk Newsletter! We appreciate your feedback about additional events, resources, advice, and information you may have. In addition, we welcome recommendations about the content of the newsletter.

Please email: [nscalera@ltspeech.com](mailto:nscalera@ltspeech.com) with suggestions/comments/concerns.



### October Craft



Please come check out our October Halloween crafts! Carve a scary/friendly Jack-O-Lantern to add to our fence in our pumpkin patch!

### **\*\*Reminders\*\***

We are **open** with normal hours the following dates

- 10/8/18: Columbus day
- 10/31/17: Halloween
- 11/11/17: Veterans Day

**\*\*If you need to cancel a session, please let your clinician know!\*\***



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