

### **June Newsletter**



#### **Splashing Into Summer!**

Summer is here! Not only are we enjoying the sunshine and time with family and friends, but we are also enjoying our new team members! We are excited to welcome Corey Fawcett, bilingual speech-language patholgist, and Hope White, occupational therapist, to our team!

In this newsletter, you'll learn more about Corey and Hope, along with information about water play! You'll also have a link to our social media series "Toys We Love." In this series, therapists talk about their favorite toys and common items from around the house and how they can be used to target your child's goals during everyday activities.

Exciting things are happening at the Pediatric Learning Center, Inc. and we're so thrilled to share our journey with you! Please follow the "Pediatric Learning Center" on social media and visit our <u>website</u> to learn more and follow along for updates and announcements.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth "Liz" McMahon Kraus, MA, CCC-SLP Executive Director & Speech-Language Pathologist

#### **Meet Our New Team Members**



# MEET OUR TEAM



Corey Fawcett

MA, CCC-SLP

Speech-Language Pathologist

## Education



Bachelors of Art in English and Spanish –University of Portland 2013

Masters of Art in Speech-Language Pathology-University of Memphis 2020

# Family

Corey and her wife, Ricki, share a dog named Lonnie and cat named Dewey.

Specialties:



English- and Spanish-speaking pediatric clients in the areas of receptive and expressive language, articulation, phonology, fluency, social language and feeding. She has a graduate certificate in Augmentative and Alternative Communication!



# MEET OUR TEAM



Hope White
OTR/L
Occupational therapist

## Education



B.S. in Exercise Science
--Auburn University 2016

Master's of Science in Occupational Therapy--University of South Alabama 2018

# Family



Hope is married to her husband, Gregory, and lives in Downtown Memphis with their dog (Tenn) and cat (Memphis)

Specialties:



Hope specializes n reflex integration, oculomotor skills, and ADL/IADLs. Her passion is rooted in improving foundational skills and treating holistically, or simply put, helping kids and their families with the building blocks for achieving functional independence.





### Water tables

Water tables are a fun way to cool off and learn new skills! With this summer toy, your child can practice scooping pouring from containers. Your child will also splash in the water, which can help them tolerate wet clothing! While your child is playing, be sure to enhance their language skills by labeling items, narrating their play, and modeling "uh oh" if water spills. You can have a friend join in for fun social play!





#### Water bins

No water table? No problem! Grab a big bowl or bucket and make your own water bin fun. Throw in some water-safe toys and ice cubes for an added sensory experience. Your child will enhance their fine motor skills by picking up and playing with toys (being wet makes them a little harder to grab). During play, talk to your child about what they are playing with: cup, bowl, doll, etc. for those language skills!



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Did you know that dirt, sand, or mud are considered "toys?" Yes, that's right! When your child goes outside and plays in the dirt, sand, or mud, they are letting their imagination run wild (along with their sensory system). This "toy" is a great opportunity to explore free play while enhancing language and motor skills. At PLC, we encourage you to get outside and play in the dirt today! Be sure to stay hydrated, too! Interested in learning more about how playing outside and getting dirty benefits your child? Reach out to us on social media--we'd love to chat!

#ToysWeLove #plcmemphis #speechtherapy #occupationaltherapy #pediatrictherapy #earlyintervention

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