

Jumping Jelly Beans

PEDIATRIC THERAPY



The news source of Jumping Jelly Beans Pediatric Therapy. Keeping you informed on the latest updates on our therapy staff, patients, and community.

SPILLING THE BEANS...ON US

2017 brought many exciting changes to Jumping Jelly Beans Pediatric Therapy with an exterior remodel at our Jonesboro clinic, the addition of new therapists, and rolling out a new electronic documentation and billing system.

First and foremost, our clinic at 906 East Matthews in Jonesboro received a major face lift. The exterior improvements helped make the outside of our clinic as welcoming as the inside.

Another noteworthy change this year, was the addition of 8 therapists to the JJB therapy team. JJB now has 23 therapists who provide outstanding client centered therapy to our growing client list as we continue to help more kids reach their highest potential.

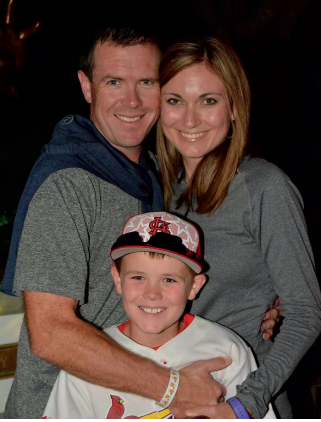
One of the most exciting changes of 2017 was the implementation of our electronic documentation and billing system. The transfer of all client information to the new system was a monumental task, but worth it. The paperless documentation and billing system has drastically decreased time spent on paperwork allowing us to focus more time on our clients.

As this year wraps up, we are thankful for our clients and their families who allow us the opportunity to serve them and to our staff who selflessly go above and beyond every day to provide the best in speech, occupational, and physical therapy services. We cannot wait to see what 2018 has in store.



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SPILLING THE BEANS...ON OUR THERAPY STAFF



Suzanne Roach joined the Jumping Jelly Beans Pediatric Therapy team in August 2016. In addition to her role as a speech-language pathologist, she also serves as JJB's Therapy Director.

Suzanne attended Arkansas State University where she received a Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders in 2000 and a Master of Communication Disorders in 2001. Suzanne has worked with children in a variety of settings which include inpatient, outpatient, and school based facilities. Suzanne loves seeing the progress her clients make in therapy carry over to everyday activities.

Suzanne and her husband, Craig, have one son and live in Jonesboro. On the rare occasion that Suzanne is not cheering for her son on the baseball diamond, basketball court, or football field; she enjoys following Cardinals baseball, catching the latest movie release, and running.

SPILLING THE BEANS...ON PECS

In October, two of JJB's speech-language pathologists attended a 2-day Continuing Education conference that highlighted the Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS). PECS is an alternative/augmentative communication system developed in the USA in 1985 by Andy Bondy, PhD, and Lori Frost, MS, CCC-SLP.

The primary goal of PECS, which navigates through six phases, is to teach functional communication to those individuals who are unable to initiate communication, are not understood by unfamiliar listeners, do not have appropriate vocabulary size, or use multiple word utterances. PECS has shown that some users develop speech while others are able to transition to a speech device. Since returning from the conference, one of our speech-language pathologist was able to successfully introduce and implement PECS with one of her nonverbal clients. We are excited to see more breakthroughs with this system.

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