

# Gateway Pediatric Therapy

## Summer 2023 Newsletter

### Around the Clinic



### Inclusive Playgrounds to check out!

- Scarlet's Playground- 180 Commerce Rd, Commerce Charter Twp, MI
- Delray Community Center- 420 S. Leigh St. Detroit, MI
- Let Them Play Playground- 2280 W. Clarkston Rd. Lake Orion, MI
- Rotary Park- 32300 6 Mile Rd. Livonia, MI
- Beech Woods Park- 22200 Beech Rd. Southfield, MI
- Lodge Playground- 28015 Hiller Rd. West Bloomfield, MI

### Upcoming Sensory-Friendly Events

Detroit Zoo

July 24th & August 30th

3pm-7pm

Blue Heron Bay Spray Park

July 21st & August 12th

6pm-7:30pm

Independent Oaks Park

Games and Boat Ride

July 19th

6pm-8pm

DNR Outdoor Adventure Center

August 5th

10am-12pm

The Henry Ford Giant Screen

Willy Wonka & the Chocolate

Factory

August 12th

11am



# What's your favorite memory in ABA?

## Stephanie Maldonado-Velazquez M.Ed., BCBA, LBA



What is your role at Gateway, and how long have you been here?

- I am the Clinic Director at the Livonia and Canton locations, this is my 5th year working at Gateway Pediatric Therapy.

Share a favorite memory/special moment in ABA

- When a child is able to communicate for the first time, those are the moments I live for!

How did that experience motivate you to continue in the field?

- When a child is able to communicate, it opens up a world of opportunities for them.

Is there any other story and/or information about your involvement, growth, and/or development in the ABA field?

- Parent involvement makes a world of difference in a child's journey in ABA. I enjoy supporting families in achieving their goals!

## Taylor Festerman M.A., BCBA, LBA

What is your role at Gateway and how long have you been here?

- Assistant Clinical Director at the Dearborn Clinic location and I've been at Gateway for 5 years.

Share a favorite memory/special moment in ABA

- A client who had very limited vocal skills started to spontaneously tact and vocally mand for reinforcers after working on increasing their language skills for about a 4 month period!

How did that experience motivate you to continue in the field?

- This motivated me to learn more about ABA and mand training.

Is there any other story and/or information about your involvement, growth, and/or development in the ABA field?

- This was my first behavior technician job out of my undergrad. I also held the positions of Lead Trainer, Behavior Consultant, and BCBA. I am now the Assistant Clinical Director of our Dearborn Clinic.

