# Gateway Pediatric Therapy Fall Newsletter 2023

#### **Our Lansing Clinic is Moving!**

#### OCTOBER 30, 2023 10AM-12PM 7215 WESTSHIRE DRIVE SUITE 200 LANSING, MI 48917

We are pleased to announce our Lansing clinic is moving to a new and improved location. Come join the fun at our grand opening and enjoy donuts, cider, face painting, and more!



#### Around the Clinics



### Tips on Teaching your Child Social Skills

With the start of a new school year, we'd like to share a few tips on how parents can help their child with autism learn social skills to increase opportunities for meaningful relationships and for new experiences. For most of us, it's automatic that we greet people when they walk into a room, make eye contact when speaking to someone, or even smile at someone that walks by. These skills require significantly more time and effort for a child with autism to learn, along with recognizing other common social cues, so it's important to be patient with your child. If your child is practicing social skills in a therapy setting, try to stay consistent outside of the clinic as well. Always celebrate little wins- no child will go from completely playing alone to playing pretend with their classmates overnight, but it's important to reinforce any and all progress. For example, if your child begins waving to others when they previously did not, provide lots of encouragement along with their preferred reinforcers (high fives, tickles, etc.) This will help your child pair social interaction with reinforcement which in turn will increase the frequency of these skills occurring.



## **Upcoming Events**



**Outdoor Adventure Center** Oct 1 10am-12pm 1801 Atwater St Detroit. MI

**Fascination Factory Sensory Sensitive Hours** Oct. 3 2:30pm-5:30pm 2295 E Lincoln St Suite 150 Birmingham, MI

Paw Patrol- The Mighty Movie Visit celebration cinema.com for show times 200 E. Edgewood Blvd.Lansing, MI 48911



Sensory Sensitive Sundays Oct. 8 9am-11am Chuck E Cheese-Canton & Sterling Heights



Planetarium Sensory Friendly Show Oct 15 11:30am-2pm 755 Science Rd East Lansing, MI

> Autism Fall Festival Oct 28 11am-2pm 3701 West Rd Trenton, MI