

Gateway Pediatric Therapy

Summer 2024 Newsletter

Meet our CEO- Rachel Enright

Can you share a bit about your background and journey to becoming CEO of Gateway?

Around nine years ago, I moved to Michigan with a clear goal: to continue my career in ABA therapy. I began researching various companies in the area, seeking one whose values aligned with my own. During this search, I came across a glowing review from a parent praising Gateway Pediatric Therapy for its exceptional impact on their child and the quality care provided by its employees. This testimonial piqued my interest, and prompted me to call the office number.

I joined Gateway as an RBT and became the fifth employee, working with the fifth client to receive services. During downtime while waiting for my client, I utilized my previous ABA therapy experience to create supplies, program checklists, employee audit sheets, and other supportive materials. This initiative was my way of showing appreciation for the opportunity and assisting the busy founders.

As time passed, I identified areas that seemed to be an especially heavy lift, such as scheduling, and offered to assist or suggest more efficient systems and processes. These small contributions grew in volume and time alongside our increasing client and employee numbers. Over the years, Gateway along the way faced growing pains. Whenever these challenges arose, I would step in, learn on the go, and deliver my best work.

Eventually in 2017, I started graduate school, pursuing a Master's in Psychology at Western Michigan University through a hybrid on-campus and online program. Later, I earned my MBA from the University of North Carolina. My experiences at Gateway, coupled with my educational background, prepared me for continued professional growth, ultimately leading to my current role as CEO.



Rachel Enright, BCBA

**To read Rachel's full interview,
go to the 'Blogs' tab on our website at
GatewayPediatricTherapy.com**

For Summer Progress, Let Your Goals Guide You

School's out and summer is here! It's inevitable that normal routines will be switched up. It can particularly be hard for families with autistic children since maintaining a consistent routine in their everyday lives is essential. With support, summer can be a great time for your child to progress and even build new skills. It's important to be proactive and practical about the goals you'd like your family to achieve.

For example, your goal might include a family vacation. In that case, have clear and open communication with your child to let them know what to expect during the vacation- for instance, talking through the type of transportation you'll be using, where you're going, and what you'll see and hear. Incorporating visuals can help you to prepare your child as well!

Use your resources by reaching out to your child's clinician for feedback and support on the goals you'd like to achieve. Depending on the clinician's experience with your child, they'll be able to provide you with guidance on how to reach your goals.

Once you have your goals set, write them down on a family calendar or sticky note to put on the fridge as a reminder of those goals. It's important to keep these goals in mind, but still remain flexible. Sometimes goals can go off-target or go beyond the timeframe you have to achieve it, and that's okay! Readjust goals to fit your family's priorities.

★ Check out the winners of our fort competition! ★



Best Lair for a Dragon

Best Tent for Camping



Most Functional Design

Most Creative Jail



Best Name / "The Art Thief"

Most likely to be built in a city / "Peach's Tower"



Our Livonia clinic has moved a few doors down!

Come check out our new and improved space

Our new address is:

13955 Farmington Rd. Livonia, MI 48154.