

APRIL NEWS LETTER



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MILESTONE OF THE MONTH

This month's milestone story is brought to us by Felicia Benecomo, "We learned during my pregnancy that Caleb was probably going to have a type of cleft foot, "calcanealvalgus." I remember being so worried, but they reassured us and sent us to Amplified Therapy. Caleb was only four months old when he officially began the program. Our first therapists were Lesley Ping, an occupational therapist, and Delaine McCauley, a physical therapist. Delanie got right to work with stretches for his feet, and Leslie assisted, helping him to keep on track with milestones while correcting the angle at his feet pointed. After he was walking and climbing Leslie mentioned maybe adding a speech therapist since Caleb wasn't on track with language and a nurse to help with medical Kayla Richins. This led to us discovering he was having issues hearing and needed to get tubes in his ears. Tiana Zambrano was the first the first SLP we worked with, and we worked with Aspen Bruton after Tiana's brief departure. They both were excellent. Elizabeth Gardner, and Katie Smith were the FSC's that helped coordinate services. They got us into ECEP which was an eye-opening experience into the social and language issues Caleb was experiencing. Once the eval through ECEP was complete and results given we felt even more supported and were encouraged to seek continued services in Occupational therapy, speech and also social work after aging out of amplified through the schools and outside the schools.



Our whole team was amazing and so incredibly supportive. They let us know all about what developmental milestones we needed to be at, how to reach them, and all kinds of advice. Both my husband and I were engaged in the program and felt supported. My husband appreciated that our team was able to meet him where he was and give a lot of great advice. He enjoyed working with the team and never felt like they were judging him. My team gave me the confidence to go out there and even start working for amplified as a social worker when Caleb was not even 1 yet. If it weren't for the challenges Caleb faced and our supportive team I may have stayed stuck in a certain point of my own depression. I am very grateful for Amplified Therapy and the significant differences it has made not only in Caleb's life but my whole family.

Our whole family loved working with the team and got involved, even Caleb's older brother, who is twelve years old. He was so sad when his younger brother graduated; he got attached to the team. He asked me if we could pay our team to come over still. I had to remind him I worked there, and he would still see them. I would definitely recommend this program; it not only gave us extra support through Caleb's challenges, but helped my family realize we could lean on each other to continue growing and learning and moving forward after services concluded

TIP OF THE MONTH

Hopscotch is a great gross motor activity to try with your little ones. To make it more challenging come up with different variations such as spinning, or use their hands and feet. This activity works on their gross motor skills and helps burn some off of that toddler energy. Gross motor activities are any activity that involves movement of the whole body especially the larger muscles within the legs, arms, and torso. Practicing gross motor skills helps improve a child's physical abilities and can help them feel more confident in their body and the way they move.



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