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TOTS TALK

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Summer's Here and the Pool is open.

UPDATES

- The month's newsletter will be highlighting pool safety.
- Thank you for helping us celebrate speech therapy month with your participation in the contest. Congratulations to the Weekes and Buchin Families for winning the \$25 gift cards.
- Exciting things are happening at Tots to Teens. Check us out on Facebook and Instagram to stay connected.

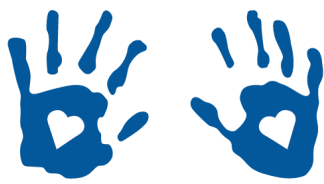
Pool safety is important to review each year. Taking practical steps to prevent child drownings is important for all families, especially those with a child who faces a heightened risk – such as a child with special needs.



<https://www.poolsafely.gov/parents/kids-corner/>

<https://www.poolsafely.gov/blog/pool-safely-special-focus-drowning-prevention-and-autism/>





Pool Safety Tips

ALIVE solutions

WHAT ARE YOU WEARING TO THE WATER?

WATER HIDES BE VISIBLE STAY ON THE SURFACE THINK BRIGHT + CONTRASTING

SWIM SUIT COLOR TEST RESULTS - DARK POOL

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SWIMSUIT COLOR TEST RESULTS - LAKE

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DARK POOL BOTTOM

LIGHT POOL BOTTOM

LAKE - BROWN / GREY

Does the color of your pool bottom affect the ability of your lifeguards to see a person on the bottom of the pool? Research from the Lifesaving Society has answered this question with a definitive "Yes". This research was conducted as part of the Lifesaving Society Aquatic Safety Management Services

<https://www.lifesaving.org/public/download/documents/54145>



Christina Neuweiler

STAFF Anniversaries - Thanks for Joining the Team

Christina enjoys working with clients with a variety of needs including articulation/phonology, expressive and receptive language, fluency, cognition, and apraxia of speech. She has special interests in speech sound disorders and contributing research to the field of communication disorders. Christina is passionate about working as a part of a multidisciplinary team to best address the unique needs of her client

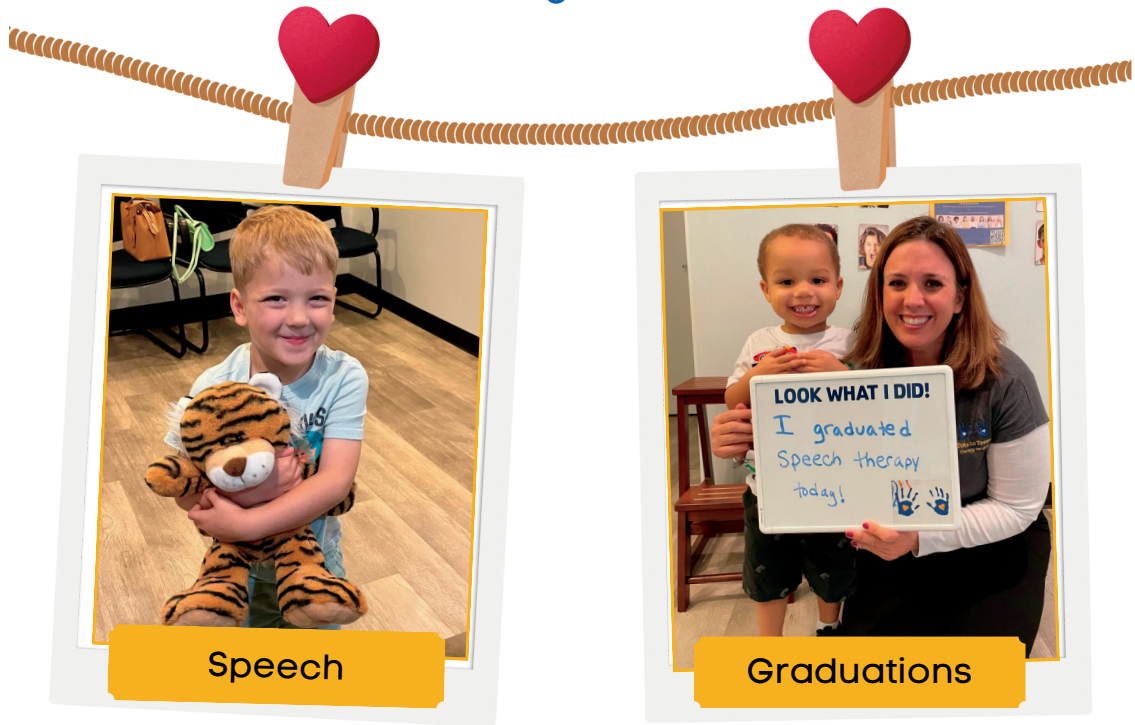
Christina's Corner

Tots Families!

Just a reminder the clinics will be closed July 4th. Enjoy the Holiday with your family

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Success is never given, it is earned.



Welcome To The Team



Omar Sheikh-Phillips

Omar has joined us as the office assistant at our Prince William Clinic and we are happy to have him on our Team.



Denise Jasso

Denise, one of our new Occupational Therapist enjoys the personal use of self and rapport building to create challenging therapeutic activities while working with children. Denise's passion as an occupational therapist is to learn the uniqueness of every child and family and facilitate meaningful change in their lives.



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PARENT'S CORNER

FYI from one of our Parents:

Not sure if you have been made aware of these **Virginia learning acceleration microgrants**, but all K-12 children qualify for \$1500 and up to \$3000 if income level is less than 300% of the poverty line. The age is lower for children with documented disabilities (I believe 2 and up).

The funds can be used for:

Tutoring in core content areas (English reading/writing, mathematics, science and history/social science) and foreign languages required to meet graduation requirements. Tutoring may be in-person, virtual or hybrid, and in one-on-one, small group or large-group settings.

Purchasing of assistive technologies specified in a child's Individualized Education Plan or 504 Plan.

Specialized educational therapy services and supports, including speech language therapy, specialized reading instruction and other services provided by a licensed practitioner.

The application was very easy and fast. For individuals who are under the age but have a disability a doctor's note is needed (I just used Clem's diagnosis paperwork we had from Kaiser and the state accepted that). Thought I would pass this resource along in case other families in Tots to Teens might find it helpful. <https://www.doe.virginia.gov/parents-students/for-parents/k-12-learning-acceleration-grants>