



Week of the Young Child

Every month is a busy month at all of our Child Development Centers, but April proved to be one of their busiest. So much so, in fact, they needed a week off to prepare for it! After a fun, relaxing Spring Break, our centers celebrated NAYEC's week of the young child.



On Tuesday, Guice's teachers and kids dressed tacky! They also displayed all their beautiful artwork.

Mansell finished off the week with a Family Spring Fling. What a great way to engage our families in their children's education.

Mansell Family Spring Fling



At our Walton center, parents and guardians were treated to an appreciation day on the 14th. Kimberly Fluellen, one of our community resource staff members from Well Care of Georgia, brought her RV to the center. Ms. Kimberly provided parents with information regarding free offers that Well Care provides to families that have their coverage. Participants were given freebies such as GED Exams, cell phones, Weight Watchers memberships, Boys and Girls Club memberships just to name a few. The parents/guardians really seem to have enjoyed Kimberly's visit.



Autism Awareness Month

Did you know that Easter Seals is the nation's largest provider of services to people with Autism? Easter Seals North Georgia has specially trained therapists to implement the [P.L.A.Y. Project](#) (Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters).

This unique project trains caregivers to implement therapy at home. Our P.L.A.Y. consultants conduct monthly home visits where they guide parents in their interactions with their child. Some sessions are videotaped to highlight techniques and give feedback. For more information on the P.L.A.Y. Project, please contact Jan Marie Love 404-441-2802.

After Danny was diagnosed with Autism in October 2014, his mother knew this difficult journey required help. She contacted Jan Marie Love and immediately began therapy. Now, as Danny's therapist, Jan Marie meets with him and his mother three times a month in their house.

Jan Marie lets Danny lead the P.L.A.Y. session, using his own interests to help him open up in an environment in which he is comfortable. She helps him discover the world around him and uses a natural learning approach to build social skills.

These therapy sessions are not only for the benefit of Danny. His mother, Elliana, also participates. She explains, "We've both improved with Jan Marie's help. She has taught me to communicate with him calmly." She believes that their relationship is so much stronger thanks to the P.L.A.Y. Project.

Jan Marie knows that every child in this program is very different, and her approach to each child is different. She sometimes brings therapeutic materials to try such as an oral motor chewing device to help calm the nervous system. She also found a volunteer group to supply a weighted blanket for Danny. With Jan Marie's guidance, Elliana is creating a Social Story book using pictures of Danny doing different activities. Danny will be able to use the book to prepare him for new social situations he may encounter.

Elliana believes that "Every parent wants their child to be perfect. Danny is perfect for me." Find out more about ESNG's [Autism \(ASD\) Services](#).

Sibley Award at Sylvan Hills



On April 1, ESNG proudly accepted the 2015 Sibley Leadership & Teacher Excellence Award for The Sylvan Hills Parent & Family Engagement Project. This program provides teachers and administrators with meaningful tools to actively engage students' families into their learning. Research shows that the primary indicator of a child's success in school and beyond is their family's participation in their education. Funding for this program is yet another great step toward ESNG's vision of making sure that every child will start school healthy and ready to learn. Learn more about [ESNG's Early Education and Care Programs](#).

Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 13-17 marked the Volunteer Appreciation Week. Volunteers are essential to achieving our goal. Easter Seals North Georgia would like to recognize supportive school year! books, crafts, come out and Travelers has community! relationship

By generously providing volunteers, and even a clown to have fun with the kids, shown they are a partner in the We are so thankful for the

our Mansell center and Travelers has created and will continue to grow! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Tegan Hurley at 404-943-1070 ext. 123 or thurley@esng.org.



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Instagram: <https://instagram.com/eastersealsnga/>

Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/eastersealsnga/>

Blog: <http://www.eastersealsnorthga.wordpress.com>

Look forward to May...

- Mental Health Awareness Month
- Public Service Recognition Week (May 3-8)
- Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4-8)
- National Nurses Week (May 6-12)
- National Women's Health Week (May 10-16)
- Mother's Day (May 10)
- Food Allergy Awareness Week (May 11-16)