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From the desk of Dr. Julie Crittendon:

Dear ACC Families,

As you may be aware, we have a lot of activity coming up before the end of the year, and a lot of new faces here on the ACC team to help make all that activity happen!

On Saturday, December 2, we have our final Families First event for 2017, this one is “Out and About – Preparing for Community Routines.” Many of you have already RSVP’d for this one, but if you haven’t, and would like to attend, please visit <http://autismcenterga4.app.rsvpify.com>.

After that, on Monday, December 18 and Tuesday, December 19 (and possibly a portion of the 20th if demand warrants), Dr. John McEachin will be back in from California for another exclusive series of one-on-one consultations with family clients of the ACC only. This is his second visit of the year and another unique opportunity for children and families to sit in on one-on-one sessions with him and our team. We are always proud to host Dr McEachin – a pioneer in the field of behavioral intervention and an internationally recognized researcher and author. Please let me know directly if you would like to participate in this – arrangements will be made on a first come, first served basis, but we want to give everyone an opportunity to participate.



Autism Center for Children and **VANDERBILT KENNEDY CENTER**
Disabilities—Hope through Discovery

The Autism Center for Children and Vanderbilt Kennedy Center are partnering to bring you the Families First Program, a series of Free Workshops intended for parents of young children (ages 2-5) newly diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder.

Workshop 4: Out and About - Preparing for Community Routines
Saturday, December 2, 2017, 10:00a - 1:00p
Autism Center for Children
429 Creekstone Ridge, Woodstock, GA 30188

For more info, please call us at 678-996-4998 or email us info@autismcenterga.com.




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Internationally-recognized autism researcher, expert and author of *A Work in Progress*.

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Autism Center for Children New Team Members



Can you believe that as of this week we have grown to a staff of eleven behavior specialists? We will have a number of new faces in clinic so I wanted to introduce them to you here. (As always, all staff of the ACC have passed an in-depth screening process. This includes passing a comprehensive background check. The national criminal record database contains over 500 million records, including sex offender registries of all 50 states).

The Autism Center for Children's newest life-changers are:



Lucia Nunez is a psychology graduate of the University of Georgia where she also served as a research assistant. She comes to the ACC with a variety of internship experience at clinics, counselor's offices and hospitals. Lucia is a Gold Medal Recipient for the Hispanic Heritage Foundation, and speaks fluent Spanish.



Allison Kratzer is a psychology graduate from Kennesaw State University. Her education includes three years of research experience and educational experience with an emphasis on data and statistics. Along with her love for children and passion for the field of ABA and neuroscience, Allison enjoys all things Italian: she studied abroad there and is fluent in the language.



Jade Bartley is a psychology graduate from Tuskegee University. An internship at Camp Ramapo for Children in New York (specializing in hosting children with autism) sparked a pursuit of an ABA-related career path. Jade's volunteer work includes Bridge Builder Peer Mentor, Southern Christian Leadership Foundation, and Student Government Community Service.



Maddie Butzer is special education graduate of Clemson University and is currently working on her Masters in ABA at Georgia State. At Clemson, she served as a camp counselor, volunteer, and as Vice President of the Clemson Council for Exceptional Children. Maddie studied abroad in Basque Country (San Sebastian, Spain) and is fluent in Spanish.

Raven Hester and **Brittany Elkins**, our hard-working interns from GSU, will be graduating in December and pursuing their BCBA credentialing – both have been offered opportunities to join the ACC staff full time.

We will also soon say goodbye to **Austin Bissonnette**, who will be leaving in mid-November to pursue opportunities much closer to his home. Please join me in wishing him the best in his future endeavors!

ACC Holiday Schedule: Please note that we will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Also, we will be closed on Monday, December 25 for Christmas and on Monday, January 1, 2018 for New Year's. Please let us know if you have any questions on this.