



Innovative Services NW

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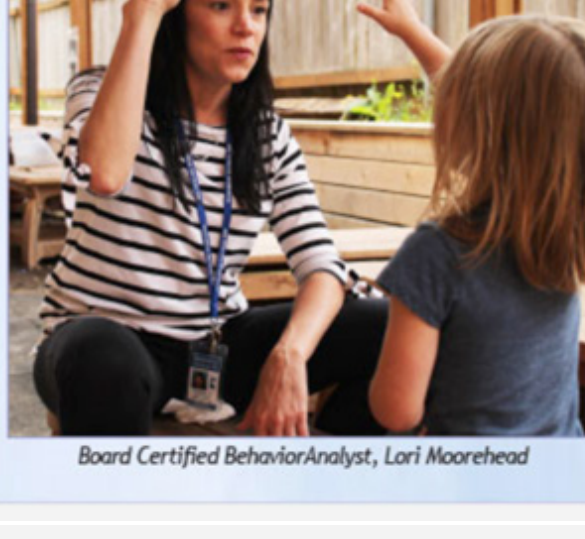
Innovative Services NW

is proud to announce we are now offering

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (ABA) THERAPY

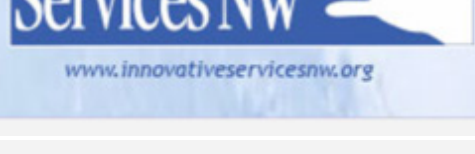
for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Age 0-5

ABA therapy increases useful behaviors and reduces those that may cause harm or interfere with learning to bring about meaningful and positive change in behavior.



Board Certified Behavior Analyst, Lori Moorehead

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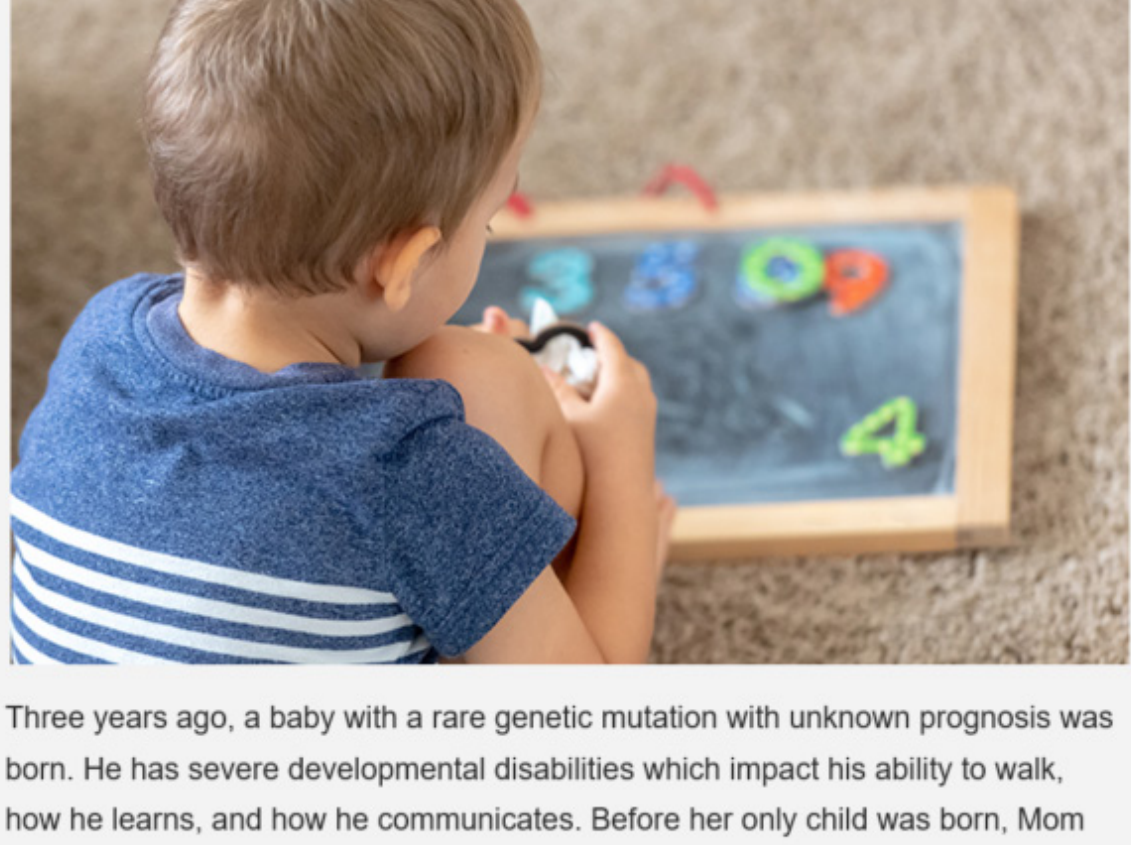
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Holiday Heroes Features Innovative



Thank you to the **Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce** for featuring Innovative's Pediatric Therapy and Early Intervention program at their Holiday Heroes Luncheon on December 7th! Our Director of Health Programs, Susan Lehr, helped share the impact these programs has on the community. The impact story is included below. The event also collected children's socks & books, art supplies, and board games to support our clients. **Thank you to all involved!**

Support Every Step of the Way



Three years ago, a baby with a rare genetic mutation with unknown prognosis was born. He has severe developmental disabilities which impact his ability to walk, how he learns, and how he communicates. Before her only child was born, Mom had sugar plums dancing in her head about the day her son would walk and talk. She quickly learned however her boy's life would be different than other children's.

Eighteen months ago, this little boy started receiving Early Intervention, a home-based program which includes a team to support a child's development. Innovative's special education teacher and therapists provided parent strategies for mom and dad for how they could support their child outside of the weekly 1-hour visit. For this kiddo, Mom commented, *"They got him to do things, I can't!"* This fall he transitioned to weekly outpatient therapy, for more focused developmental services.

Through Speech therapy, the toddler is learning to express himself using an augmentative assisted communication (AAC) device. Now used at home and in school, his parents and teachers are hearing his voice, and mom has received the gift of that sound.

Occupational Therapy incorporated purposeful play for fine motor and social-emotional development, encouraging this boy to explore the space around him and interact with his classmates in childcare. Mom expressed happily, *"He can do So Much!"*

As an infant, they weren't sure where his ability would take him, and the future is an unopened package. But at this moment, they revel in their present as Innovative's passionate staff work to give this little boy the individual support he needs. Our therapists look forward to being there for this child and his parents, each step of the way.



Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a joyous New Year!



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