



TREETOP TALK



**Anna Shaw
Children's Institute**

August 2021

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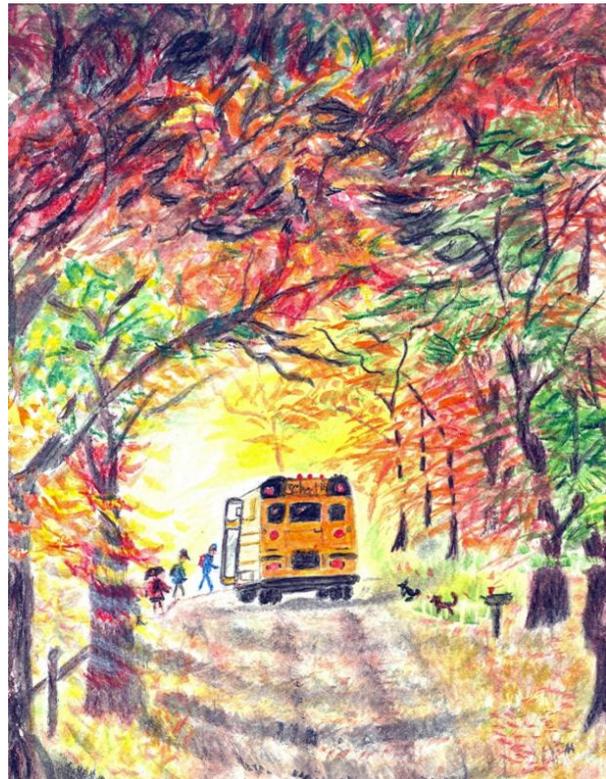
August is Back to School Month

The new school year has started for many children. Both parents and teachers have pivotal roles in making sure children learn both academic and life skills. It is important for parents and teachers to work in a partnership in order for children to have positive school experiences. Studies continue to show that parent involvement is an important factor in helping students engage in their learning. Parent/teacher communication is a key aspect in promoting parent involvement. Below are some tips for effective communication:

Feel free to make the first contact with the teacher.

As a parent, you shouldn't feel you have to wait for the teacher to contact you. This is especially important if there are specific things that would be beneficial for your teacher to know about your child.

Begin with a positive attitude.



It is best to believe that your child's teacher and the school system care about your child, not just academically but emotionally as well. Begin your conversations with a positive attitude and a willingness to partner with your child's teaching team.

Ask the teacher for his or her preferred method of communication.

Many schools have communication platforms that are used to communicate with parents. If not, ask the teacher if he or she prefers e-mail, written notes, or phone calls. If face-to-face or phone calls are warranted, then determine a preferred time and/or place for this communication.

Determine how often communication needs to occur.

This will depend on the severity of the issue. More serious issues will require more frequent communication. It is important to discuss and agree on what issues need to be monitored and how often communication needs to occur. Be specific about the information that you would like to know. For example, issues with class participation and/or negative behaviors, homework assignments and performance, test dates, etc.

Become involved in your child's education by becoming involved with the school.

- Go to parent-teacher conferences.
- Go to open house or curriculum night.
- Offer to donate items to the classroom or volunteer for other activities.

Please be patient with your child's teacher as they begin a new school year. Some teachers get 50 or more e-mails a day. If you feel a teacher is not being as responsive as you would like, you may request a parent/teacher conference.

Even when parents do everything to their best ability, including having the best parent/teacher relationship, and providing a strong support system for their child, some children struggle during a new school year. If you notice your child is having challenges, please discuss your child's situation with your pediatrician. Your child and family may benefit from a referral to Anna Shaw Children's Institute. Our team of developmental pediatricians, psychologists, and therapists will evaluate your child to determine what barriers may impact his or her educational experience. Our family support team, including our educational resource coordinator, RN care navigator, and resource coordinator, can provide support and ensure your child's needs are met.

NORTH GEORGIA AUTISM CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 29, 2021

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Registration begins at 7:30 AM

DALTON CONVENTION CENTER

2211 Tony Ingle Parkway
(formerly 2211 Dug Gap Battle Rd)
Dalton, GA 30720

REGISTRATION

Register in Advance | \$50
By October 15

General Registration | \$60
After October 15

Student Registration | \$30

Group Rate (3 or more) | \$45

Attendance at Breakfast Keynote Only
with Dr Temple Grandin | \$45

BREAKFAST KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Temple Grandin



Registration Deadline Friday, October 22

Breakfast & Lunch Included—Vendors Welcome
Certificate of Attendance Available
CEUs Available \$50
CMEs Available \$100



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The 6th annual Autism Conference is intended for parents/caregivers, educators, healthcare professionals, young adults on the autism spectrum, self-advocates, and other interested individuals.

Register at HamiltonHealth.com/autismconference
Questions? Contact Lindsey Coker at lcoker@hncs.org at 706.226.8913.

Classes to **Help, Advise, & Motivate Parents**

CHAMP Webinar Series



Webinar Series

Tuesday, September 7

Time: 12pm

Topic:

Using Visual Supports at Home

Presenter:

Anna Shaw Children's Institute
Hannah Cannon, MS, CCC-SLP
Speech Language Pathologist

Visit the event section on

Facebook.com/HamiltonCares

for live streaming information.

FUTURE TOPICS:

October 5: Types of Therapy

November 2: Preparing for Your Child's Medical and Therapy Appointments

December 7: The Power of Play

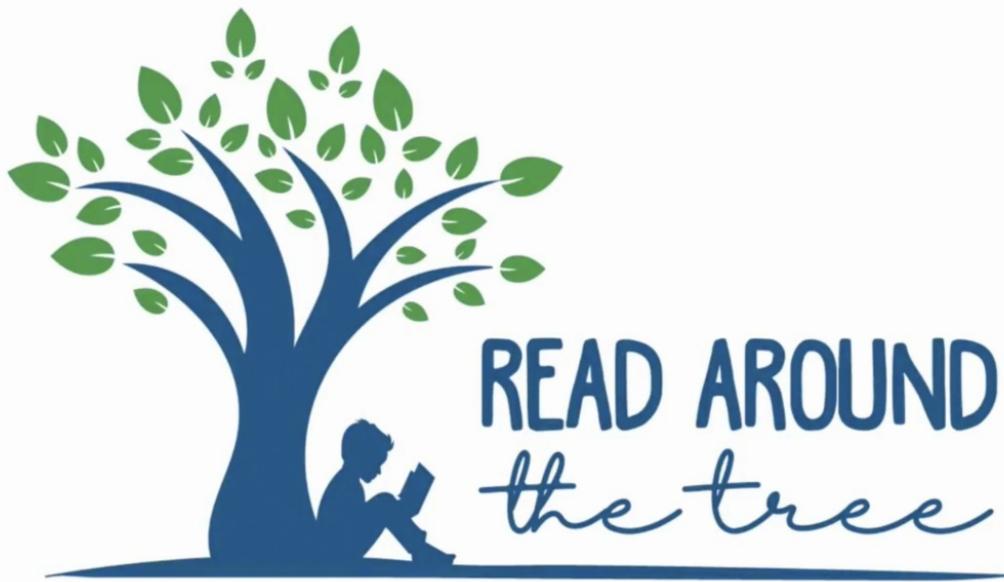


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Join us each Wednesday on the [Hamilton Health Care System Facebook page](#) for a book reading around the tree by the Anna Shaw Children's Institute staff. There are also several pre-recorded stories on [Hamilton's YouTube channel](#). Click the picture below to watch Lynn Sams, a speech therapist at Anna Shaw Children's Institute, read *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson.



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