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To Our Valued ABA Clients and Families:

We hope you and your family are staying healthy as we enter the holiday season. Stars' number one priority continues to be maintaining safe and healthy guidelines while providing the services necessary to support your child's growth and development. We are taking the utmost precautions to mitigate the potential spread of COVID-19 while continuing to provide your child's therapeutic services via in-person and telehealth (video) sessions. We ask for your continued patience and support with any necessary team and/or platform (telehealth vs in person) changes required to keep our families and staff safe and support our business amidst the financial impacts of COVID-19. Furthermore, you can support our business and staff by keeping your scheduled sessions and committing to makeup sessions when needed.

Amidst these unprecedented times, we are excited to announce the expansion of our ABA program to include dedicated Parent Training Specialists in addition to our wonderful team of BCBA's and Lead Child Development Specialists (Lead CDS). A required component of your child's ABA program, as part of Stars' program design/session agreements and as required by your funding source, is parent training sessions. Oftentimes, these sessions are incorporated into session visits from your BCBA and/or Lead CDS. However, we understand the importance of focused 1:1 time outside of session to support your understanding of the techniques used during session. Parent training and carryover of techniques and strategies is an integral component of your child's success. Stars' staff only works with your child for a small fraction of the hours within a week. Your child's continued learning and generalization of learned concepts from during sessions depends on your ability to work with your child and continue their learning outside of session. Imagine if you were learning a new language and only practiced when you were in class and never practiced with new people or out in the community; would you be successful? We cannot expect our little ones to make great gains if they are only practicing during sessions.

You will be contacted by one of our Parent Training Specialists in the next few weeks to set up your ongoing parent training sessions (dependent on your funding source). Your parent training specialist will guide you through Stars' custom parent training curriculum developed by our team of BCBA's. Additionally, the specialist will be another liaison between you and the clinical team, including the BCBA and Lead CDS.

Happy Holidays,

Stars' Leadership Team