

THE LEARNING CLINIC: SUCCESS **REPORTS**

Reporting Period: 7/09-12/09

The following are from the reports of changes from parents over the past 6 months. Parents' reports from the most current 12 months are in a binder in the waiting room.

[Some portion of the training may have been done in home therapy, noted in parentheses. (A)=Autistic Spectrum Diagnosis]

In Summary, the averages show:

**6 weeks of therapy = 50% improvement of the original complaints.
12 weeks of therapy = 74% improvement of the original complaints.
18 weeks of therapy = 83% improvement of the original complaints.
=> 24 weeks of therapy = 68% improvement of the original complaints.**

(A) Autistic Spectrum Children = the list below shows that in an average of 9 weeks' therapy, there is 55% improvement.

| DATE | WEEKS | GAINS | PARENT'S COMMENTS |
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| 12/14 | 6 | 20-30% | Able to read longer without tiredness or blur. Focuses on homework longer. Starting to see patterns and relationships. Definitely more confident. Is able to focus longer - not as easily frustrated. I am much less frustrated. Stomach problems resolved. Confidence problem resolved. |
| 12/10 | 6 | 40% | (A) No longer complains about tired eyes. Doesn't come home tired. Math used to be a struggle - now comes home and does it w/o complaint. ...little more comfortable when home and not having the stress of homework hanging over his head. Homework less time to do!!! |
| 12/5 | 6 | 10-15% | No improvements. Still having problems staying focused. Still very sensitive. Wants to do better, but doesn't want to try. |
| 12/5 | 6 | 20-30% | If he doesn't have glasses on, we can tell a difference while he is doing piano. Less arguing - doing homework more independently. A little more confident. More willing to help out with daily stuff. [NOTE: home practice not done very much. Parents impressed that he has done so well, in general.] |
| 12/3 | 24(6) | -- | More motivated to study for tests, Brings home much less homework. Participates more in class. Accepts "No" better. Doesn't pout as much. Report card much improved over last year: 8 B's, 2 C's. |
| 11/23 | 6 | 25% | (A) Wears glasses all the time. Reading fluency is generally improved. Reading tutor says he is doing very well. |
| 11/23 | 18(6) | 90% | (A) Less frustration on homework. More focused. Works at a much faster pace. Better handwriting. OT teacher very impressed - asked what we did over summer, said he is like a different child. Very happy and confident. |

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| 11/19 | 6 | 20%; 35-40% | (A) Can sustain doing homework longer. Seems to like wearing glasses. Grades have improved recently. He really seems to be trying his hardest...really doing well of late. Still angers easily...however, has seemed to mature in overall behavior. [NOTE: Academic changes greater than emotional.] |
| 11/10 | 5 (2x/week) | 90% | He is (now) reading his homework...Spelling tests are also a success now. I've been amazed at his ability to remember unfamiliar words [Greek, private school] and recognize them on signs & sound out new words. Although there is still much "catch-up" to be done, I feel that I finally have the answer. |
| 11/2 | 12 | 80% | Better grades. |
| 11/2 | 12 | 70% | His reading is much better. He seems more loveable. He cares more about how he looks. |
| 10/31 | (26) | -- | I feel he has regressed since school started. Very disorganized. |
| 10/27 | 12(6) | 80% | Improved reading. A very big change for the better. More confident doing school work. Better homework and study habits. No breakdowns. Better coordination. Still seeing improvements. |
| 10/17 | 12(6) | 70% | Improved reading. A very big change for the better. More confident doing school work. Better homework and study habits. No breakdowns. Really, we have no complaints. More confidence. Better coordination. Still seeing improvements. His grades have improved greatly this year. |
| 9/28 | 16 | 80% | Her vision seems to have improved. She wants to do homework and study. Her teacher has seen an improvement in her attitude. She doesn't get as frustrated as easily. More patient with her peers. ...won't argue about cleaning her room. I am amazed at the progress in school and at home. |
| 9/24 | 12(6) | 80% | (A) Still never takes glasses off. Seem to really help. Seems to be doing better in school. Inclusion teacher says he is doing wonderful and (needs) less prompting. Not as slow writing. Seems more confident in his school work. Seems very happy/more confident. |
| 9/21 | 52(26) | 50% | Two weeks into school, too early to project progress. |
| 9/15 | 12 | 100% L.D. & Post- Concussion Syndrome | My concerns have been eliminated. Less headaches. Homework is taking less time. Easier understanding of what she's read. Completing (homework) faster. More confident. Loves to read. She used to look to see how many pages a book was before reading - now she doesn't care how long it is - she is reading <i>Harry Potter</i> . [NOTE: dual diagnosis - also had a severe head injury at school.] |
| 9/12 | 6 | 80% | Much less straining and b linking. No longer holds forehead while reading. Improved concentration, reads much more smoothly. Does not come home "sick" everyday and he completes all his schoolwork in class and also his homework at school! Developing friendships with kids his age. Emotional/anger/ frustration outbursts almost eliminated. This has tremendously improved his self confidence. |
| 8/31 | 6 | 50% | Fewer complaints, has picked up with his reading. He is a little more outgoing. |
| 8/31 | 18(6) | 80-90% | Says he can see when reading so much better than before therapy. Doing very well, more confident. More interested in learning - couldn't wait to start school. Frustration has greatly decreased. |
| 8/20 | 6 | 70% | More positive attitude. Vacation. |
| 8/16 | 30(8) | 60-75% | Reduced frustration. She shows a willingness to write and read. Marked improvement in understanding and is reading. More confident. Volunteers in Sunday School. It just takes time. |
| 8/10 | 6 | 50% | Better since wearing glasses. Doesn't trip as much. Seems more confident. |
| 8/4 | 6 | 80% | Less headaches. School hasn't started yet. (She) has become more self-confident and knows what she is capable of doing. No more complaints of eye strain. |

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| 8/1 | 52 | 70% | No headaches. Seems more confident (in some areas). Trying to do more math by self. Grade average went up a few points. |
| 7/31 | 36(12) | 60-80% | Likes glasses. Much more focus[ed]. [Increased ability for] abstract thinking. Getting a bit more confident and proud of his work. |
| 7/31 | 18 | 60-80% | (Sister of boy above) Does better activities after eye exercises. Confidence, more patient, enjoying her work more. Enjoys beating her brother in the math/spatial activities. |
| 7/30 | 12 | 60-70% | (A) Her eyesight seems to be getting better. More willingness to try difficult/new tasks. Doesn't ask for my help as quickly. Not as argumentative about doing her summer bridge work, Listens more closely to directions. |
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| 7/28 | 12 | 70% | (A) Changes in behavior, more relaxed and at ease. Can do more age-appropriate work. Does not give up as easily. More evenly balanced (emotionally), more willing to play with peers, more confident. She was without glasses for a week, and her behavior and attitude deteriorated. [NOTE: Willingness to do motor activities improved dramatically. mdb] |
| 7/28 | 6 | 50-75% | Way less complaints (visually). Loves to read now. Still some frustration with understanding directions. More confident - a little stronger personality. Biggest change is LOVES to read now. |
| 7/28 | 6 | 60-70% | No longer complains about eyes burning. Less complaining. More mature, less shy. More independent. |
| 7/28 | 6 | 60-70% | (Brother of boy above) No longer rubs at eyes or complains about blurring. Seems more focused and attentive to detail. More helpful around the house - much calmer. Fewer anger outbursts, less frustration. Still shyer than brother, but worms up better. Tries new foods, but still picky eater. |
| 7/27 | 13 | 75-80% | Bowling: scores much better with glasses (his sister asked him to take them off because he was beating her!) More willing to participate. Not as frustrated. Still doesn't want to read. More confident with his answers and witty with comments. |
| 7/18 | 6 | -- | (A) ...is reading better. Doesn't get as frustrated when doing his work. More confident. More secure. |
| 7/16 | 12 | 70-80% | Seems to be less frustrated. Writing is improving; more interested in drawing and coloring...has greatly improved. More confident. Focus is better. |
| 7/9 | 9 | 10% | (A) Not complaining of headaches or that her eyes hurt. Reading comprehension has improved a bit. Seems to be more "sociable," becoming more outgoing (she's always been shy till now), more even keel. |
| 7/7 | (6) | 50% | Improved grades in most areas. Positive comments from teacher on papers and report card. More confident - is proud with her grades when they improved. |
| 7/7 | 12 | 80% | Seems more comfortable reading. Did better on the <i>Terra Nova</i> , worked much more independently. Reduced his visits with the school counselor (done as needed), less frustrated. Far better able to handle challenging and frustrating tasks, and failure without absolutely falling apart. More self-confident and more able |
| 7/7 | 5 D/C'd | 30% | Confidence is building. Still gets frustrated. No huge improvement the last two months of school. Reading speed improved some. |
| 7/2 | 26(14) | 80% (I)XT, Post-Surg | Headaches, once regular, have disappeared. Handwriting improved dramatically. Follows directions much better. Athletic abilities have improved. His teacher is amazed at his ability to pay attention better. Almost never misses throwing and catching a ball now. Has started folding and organizing clothes in his room without being told to do so. |

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