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where parents learn they are not alone<sup>®</sup>

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**Little Star Center announces new West Lafayette  
ABA facility for children affected by autism, hiring new staff**  
*Fourth location in Hoosier state to open in January 2016*  
*Parent information sessions Oct. 26 and Nov. 14*

Carmel, Ind.— Oct. 21, 2015—Little Star Center, Indiana’s first center-based, therapeutic applied behavior analysis (ABA) provider serving children to young adults with autism, announces today it is opening a fourth location in Indiana. The new site will be the second Little Star facility in the Lafayette area, and will be located at 3595 Sagamore Parkway North, Suite 5.

“The Little Star Center currently operating in Lafayette is at capacity,” said Mary Rosswurm, Little Star Center executive director. “The new, location is just nine miles away, but takes about 25 minutes to get from one location to other. With Purdue University extending ABA therapy coverage to its staff in 2016, our board and leadership team know more families will seek out services for children impacted by autism. We are ready to fill that need with a conveniently located facility for university parents.”

#### **Information sessions for parents**

The new Lafayette location, at 3595 Sagamore Parkway North, Suite 5, is scheduled to open in January, 2016. Information sessions for parents will be hosted:

- At Four Points by Sheraton-West Lafayette, 1600 Cumberland Ave
- Monday, Oct. 26, 6 to 7:30 p.m., and
- Saturday, Nov. 14, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Families seeking information about applying for ABA services at Little Star Center also can email Victoria Blessing-Wade at [victoriaw@littlestarcenter.org](mailto:victoriaw@littlestarcenter.org).

#### **New center creates new jobs**

Jobs are available at the new Lafayette center. Current openings include an assistant clinical director and therapists with a background in education, child psychology, special education, speech sciences and child development. Experience with autism or ABA is preferred. Job descriptions can be viewed at <http://littlestarcenter.org/about-us/employment/>.

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**Little Star Center West Lafayette expansion**

Little Star Center is a non-profit that raises funds to support families when insurance challenges surrounding ABA therapy arise. Little Star Center Board President Bill Bower says, "We were pleased to have Little Star Center families work with Purdue University as it considered expanding its benefits coverage to Purdue University employees. Yet we know there are times when families encounter insurance challenges. Our scholarship program helps families continue services by bridging that financial gap. We're the only ABA facility in the state to provide this type of scholarship support and proud to be 100 percent non-profit able to do it."

**Little Star Center**, with centers in Carmel, Lafayette and now Bloomington, is Indiana's first applied behavior analysis center founded in 2002 focused on providing a place where kids with autism learn to live in the world and parents learn they are not alone. Little Star services Hoosier families providing in-home and center-based ABA therapy, along with transition to school and community-based programs for children and families. Statistics show autism is one of the most rapidly growing developmental disabilities in the United States with one in 68 children diagnosed each year. Operating as a non-profit, the organization raises funds to support learner scholarships for families who find themselves in need of a safety net when insurance challenges arise. To learn more about the organization visit [www.LittleStarCenter.org](http://www.LittleStarCenter.org).

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