



# The Place

for Children  
with Autism

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## Mission

Providing a comprehensive approach to autism treatment that focuses on the highest quality therapy to enrich the lives of children with autism and their families across all communities.

## Our Story

The Place for Children with Autism opened in January 2017 after founder and owner Daniel Blank recognized a great need in the field of autism treatment — a need for a more comprehensive and results-driven therapy model, and perhaps an even greater need for access to intensive, early-intervention autism services in communities with limited options or support. Since opening its doors, The Place has perfected its model and grown rapidly, opening ten locations across Illinois.

The Place's success is contributed to its focus on clinical excellence and a unique approach to Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). The model allows for full-time therapy in a preschool-like setting where children, ages 2-6, have a one on one relationship with their therapist and a chance to interact with others their age. Its success goes beyond therapy sessions and into the homes and lives of each of these children.

"I've seen kids that have been with us since the very beginning who are now aging out and the changes are breathtaking," Blank said. "We say this, but I also really believe it: we change lives for the better, and that has a huge impact across the board from their parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts and uncles, schools and houses of worship — the impact is enormous. Knowing that through one child, we have this much impact — it's incredible."

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## Fact Sheet

### Therapy

- The Place for Children with Autism solely provides Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy.
- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is the application of behavior analytic principles, or learning theories, to increase socially significant behaviors and decrease challenging behaviors. Behaviors or skills can be broken down into small, teachable steps to help the learner gain independence in mastering that skill.
- Each center has a one to one child to therapist ratio. The centers are intentionally kept small, serving an average of 10 to 18 children at each location.
- Since its inception in January 2017, The Place for Children with Autism has provided services to about 100 children.
- Each location is strategically opened in neighborhoods where children with autism have limited therapy options, fulfilling one of The Place's main missions to make the best clinical services available to everyone.
- In addition to providing top quality services, The Place for Children with Autism also helps families find ways to help cover therapy costs, through best-suited insurance plans, grants and other resources.

### Services

- Center-based ABA therapy
- Social skill building in group sessions
- Parent training
- Sibling play dates
- Community outings and parent support in community settings
- Translation services for families who speak languages other than English
- School consultation during a child's transition into a new education placement

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## Locations

Open Monday - Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### **Mount Greenwood**

3139 W. 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago IL 60655

Opened: January 2017

### **Portage Park**

6202 W. Montrose Ave, Chicago IL 60634

Opened: January 2018

### **Urbana, IL**

301 S. Vine Street, Suite 10, Urbana IL 61801

Opened: September 2018

### **Rogers Park**

2701 W. Peterson Ave, rear, Chicago IL 60659

Opened: October 2018

### **Pilsen**

2100 S Morgan St, Suite C101, Chicago, IL 60608

Opening Soon

### **Cicero**

5310 W. Cermak Ave, Third Floor, Cicero IL 60804

Opened: December 2019

### **Hermosa**

4145 W. Armitage Ave, Chicago IL 60639

Opened: January 2020

### **South Chicago**

9139 S. Commercial Ave, Chicago IL 60617

Opened: May 2020

### **Waukegan, IL**

2727 Grand Ave, Waukegan, IL 60085

Opened: February 2021

### **Orland Park, IL**

14701 S. LaGrange Road, 2nd Floor, Orland Park, IL 60462

Opened: March 2021

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## **Elgin, IL**

2450 Westfield Drive, Elgin, IL 60124  
Opened: July 2021

## **Aurora, IL**

140 S River St, Suite 102/104, Aurora, IL 60506  
Opening Q3/Q4 2021

## **Outside autism group affiliations or partnerships**

Resource Center for Autism and Developmental Delays (RCADD)

The Autism Program Affiliate at the University of Illinois at  
Urbana-Champaign

AARTS Center at Rush

Parents of Extraordinary Children Support Group (PEXCS)

## **Bios**

**Allison O'Neill**, Chief Executive Officer, began her professional career as a teacher in Milwaukee Public Schools, where she created an alternative education program for at risk students that was implemented throughout her assigned school. She then joined Chicago-based Ombudsman Educational Services (acquired by ChanceLight, Inc. in 2005), where she took on multiple operational and leadership roles of increasing responsibility. As President and Chief Operating Officer at ChanceLight, Allison managed four service divisions providing ABA therapy; speech language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy; and alternative and special education programs for approximately 20,000 children and young adults across over 150 locations throughout the United States.

**Dr. Carly Lapin**, Ph.D., BCBA-D, has been in the autism treatment field for more than 10 years. As a doctorate level Board Certified Behavior Analyst, she has built her career around helping individuals with disabilities unveil their true potential. Carly utilizes her knowledge of the field to advocate for families to pair them with the resources needed to support their child, provide clinical oversight and mentorship to other Board Certified Behavior Analysts, and educate communities and providers on benefits and advancements in the autism industry. Carly's relationship-based mentality, combined with her research-based approach, ensures children's progress and goals can truly develop their capabilities. At The Place for

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Children with Autism, part of her mission is to identify underserved communities and execute plans to provide services to those communities.

**Marisol Remoquillo** has worked in operations in the autism field for more than nine years. Her main objective is to improve the patient experience and strategically expand services to make a greater impact and reach new families. Marisol stays abreast of industry trends and developments to ensure services stay at or ahead of other competitors. Her experience includes establishing best practices and streamlining policies and procedures, building and executing infrastructure for growth, strategic growth planning and execution and developing new programs for employees and patients.

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### Social Handles

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[instagram.com/theplaceforchildren](https://www.instagram.com/theplaceforchildren)

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/theplaceforchildren>

## In the media

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Fox Illinois

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