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Youth Camps, Activities, Daycare and Track Out

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■ Fall Fun in Parent Learning Toolbox.

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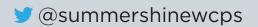
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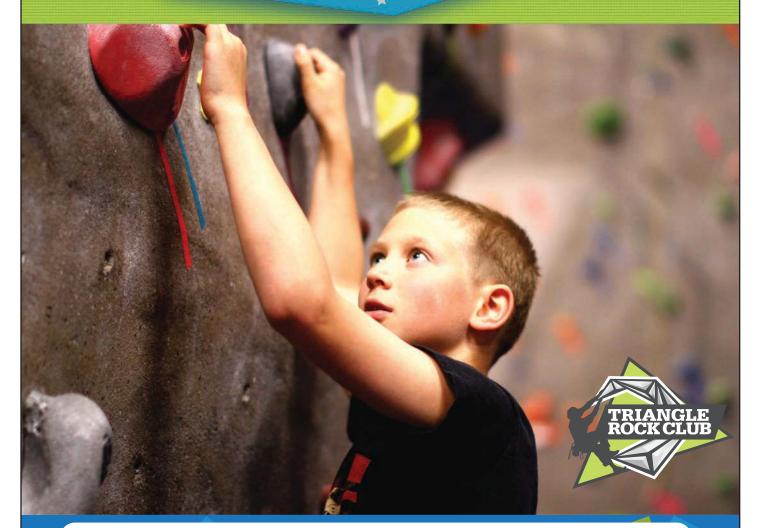
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Summershine is a directory of programs that provide opportunities for child care, before and after school and during school breaks, including camps, clinics, arts and sports activities. Do you have a program that fits that you don't see listed? Contact us at 919-431-7593 to find out how your program can be included in the next edition of Summershine.

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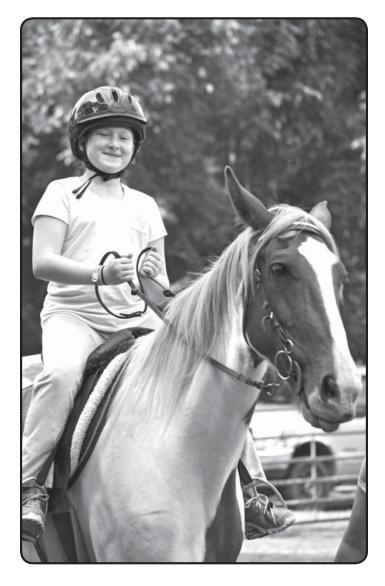


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## **What's Happening By Zipcode**

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2092 Marthas Chapel Rd	27523	32b
4501 W Lake Rd	27539	28a
4600 W Lake Rd	27539	16
8921 Holly Springs Rd	27539	2, 39, 40

#### Cary

316 North Academy St	27512	20-21
101 Wilkinson Ave	27513	20-21
101 YMCA Dr	27513	2, 39, 40
103 Crest Rd	27513	26a
111 James Jackson Ave	27513	17
1229 NW Maynard Rd	27513	27
1244 NW Maynard Rd	27513	15a
1244 NW Maynard Rd	27513	28b
130 Preston Executive Dr Ste 202	27513	11a
150 Metro Park Dr	27513	20-21
150 Towne Village Dr	27513	18
1500 N Harrison Ave	27513	11b
1500 N Harrison Ave	27513	26b
1500 N Harrison Ave	27513	16
1800 N Harrison Ave (Reedy Crk Entrance)	27513	31
2965 Kildaire Farm Rd	27518	35a
123 Middle Creek Park Ave	27539	20-21

#### Garner

951 Heather Park Dr	27529	2, 39, 40
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#### **Holly Springs**

300 W Ballentine St	27540	14
1201 State Rd 1395	27540	16
1530 Avent Ferry Rd	27540	28a
301 Stinson Ave	27540	14
721 Creek Haven Dr	27540	10b
900 Bass Lake Rd	27540	14

#### Morrisville

102 Pheasant Wood Ct	27560	3
11000 Lake Grove Blvd	27560	25b
6010 McCrimmon Pkwy	27560	18



#### Raleigh

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201 E Davie St	27601	34a
201 E Hargett St	27601	13b
401 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd	27601	19
505 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd	27601	19
2305 Lake Wheeler Rd	27603	19
900 Hillsborough St	27603	33
911 Ileagnes Rd	27603	19
1015 Halifax St	27604	19
3050 N New Hope Rd	27604	19
4201 Green Rd	27604	19
516 Dennis Ave	27604	19
1603 Hillsborough St	27605	2, 39, 40
1410 Buck Jones Rd	27606	22
408 Ashe Ave	27606	19
410 Ashe Ave	27606	33
4904 Waters Edge Dr Ste 295	27606	33
5501 Avent Ferry Rd	27606	30a
2401 Wade Ave	27607	19
2405 Wade Ave	27607	19
3313 Wade Ave	27607	36b
514 Method Rd	27607	19
1614 Glenwood Ave	27608	11b
3810 Merton Dr	27609	25a
5900 Whittier Dr	27609	19
5902 Whittier Dr	27609	33
1001 Cooper Rd	27610	19
121 N Tarboro Rd	27610	19
1300 E Martin St	27610	19
1801 Proctor St	27610	19
2615 Fitzgerald Dr	27610	19
2623 Sanderford Rd	27610	19
3935 Barwell Rd	27610	19
756 Lunar Dr	27610	19
3808 Edwards Mill Rd	27612	19
10000 St Francis Dr	27613	26b
10224 Baileywick Rd	27613	11b
12804 Norwood Rd	27613	16
6421 Hilburn Dr	27613	36a
2500 Wakefield Pines Dr	27614	2, 39, 40
1905 Spring Forest Rd	27615	33
1905 Spring Forest Rd	27615	19
7409 Falls Of Neuse Rd	27615	16
7409 Falls of Neuse Rd	27615	26b
7713-55 Lead Mine Rd	27615	19
8305 Six Forks Rd Ste 207	27615	13a
9200 Strickland Rd	27615	35a
9216 Baileywick Rd	27615	2, 39, 40
10810 Globe Rd	27617	19
Umstead State Park	27617	29a

#### **Wake Forest**

13524 Camp Kanata Rd	27587	4
1839 S Main St Ste 250	27587	2, 39, 40
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1839-200 S Main St	27587	22
1941 Heritage Branch Rd	27587	32a
3400 Rogers Rd	27587	16

#### Zebulon

400 N M C Dr	27597	35a
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#### **Durham Co.**

218 W Morgan St	27701	2, 39, 40
721 Burch Ave	27702	35a
5101-B N Roxboro Rd	27703	31
3501 Ridge Rd	27704	26b
4911 Neal Rd	27705	11b
2119 Chapel Hill St	27706	2, 39, 40
364 Leigh Farm Rd	27707	29a
800 Park Offices Dr	27703	15b

#### Orange Co.

200 S Elliott Rd	27514	11b
800 Market St	27516	11b
9201 Seawell School Rd	27516	26b



#### **BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR WCPSS STUDENTS SCHOOL YEAR 2015-2016**

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Elementary School	Phone # 919	Before School	After School
Abbotts Creek	848-2800	Third party	Third party
Adams	460-3431	Third party	Third party
Alston Ridge	544-2474	WCPSS	WCPSS
Apex	387-2150	Third party	Third party
Aversboro	662-2325	WCPSS	WCPSS
Baileywick Road	518-0090	Third party	Third party
Ballentine	557-1120	WCPSS	Third party
Banks Road	890-7333	Third party	Third party
Barwell Road	661-5405	Third party	Third party
Baucom	387-2168	Third party	Third party
Brassfield	870-4080	Third party	Third party
Brentwood	850-8720	Third party	Third party
Briarcliff	460-3443	WCPSS	WCPSS
Brier Creek	484-4747	Third party	Third party
Brooks	881-1350	WCPSS	WCPSS
Bugg	250-4750	WCPSS	WCPSS
Carpenter	462-6780	Third party	Third party
Carver	365-2680	Third party	Third party
Cary	460-3455	WCPSS	WCPSS
Cedar Fork	388-5240	Third party	WCPSS
Combs	233-4300	WCPSS	Third party
Conn	856-7637	WCPSS	Third party
Creech Road	662-2359	WCPSS	WCPSS
Davis Drive	387-2130	Third party	WCPSS
Dillard Drive	233-4200	WCPSS	Third party
Douglas	881-4894	WCPSS	WCPSS
Durant Road	870-4220	Third party	Third party
East Garner	773-7411	WCPSS	Third party
Farmington Woods	460-3469	WCPSS	WCPSS
Forest Pines Drive	562-6262	WCPSS	Third party
Forestville Road	266-8487	WCPSS	WCPSS
Fox Road	850-8845	WCPSS	WCPSS
Fuller	856-7625	Third party	Third party
Fuquay-Varina	557-2566	WCPSS	WCPSS
Green	881-1390	Third party	Third party
Green Hope	388-5270	Third party	Third party
Harris Creek	217-5100	Third party	Third party
Herbert Akins Road	567-4100	Third party	Third party
Heritage	562-6000	Third party	Third party
Highcroft Drive	460-3527	Third party	Third party
Hilburn Drive Academy	571-6800	Third party	WCPSS
Hodge Road	266-8599	Third party	Third party
Holly Grove	577-1700	WCPSS	WCPSS
Holly Ridge	577-1300	WCPSS	WCPSS
Holly Springs	557-2660	WCPSS	WCPSS
Hunter	856-7676	WCPSS	Third party
Jeffreys Grove	881-4910	WCPSS	WCPSS
Jones Dairy	562-6181	Third party	Third party
Joyner	856-7650	WCPSS	WCPSS
Kingswood	460-3481	Third party	Third party
Knightdale	266-8540	WCPSS	WCPSS
Lacy	881-4920	Third party	Third party
Lake Myra	365-8990	WCPSS	WCPSS
Laurel Park	290-2333	Third party	Third party

Elementary School	Phone # 919	Before School	After School
Lead Mine	870-4120	WCPSS	WCPSS
Leesville Road	870-4200	WCPSS	WCPSS
Lincoln Heights	557-2587	Third party	Third party
Lockhart	266-8525	WCPSS	WCPSS
Lynn Road	870-4074	WCPSS	WCPSS
Middle Creek	773-9555	Third party	Third party
Millbrook	850-8700	Third party	WCPSS
Mills Park	466-1466	WCPSS	Third party
Morrisville	460-3400	Third party	Third party
North Forest Pines	570-2220	Third party	Third party
North Ridge	870-4100	WCPSS	WCPSS
Northwoods	460-3491	WCPSS	WCPSS
Oak Grove	387-4490	Third party	Third party
Olds	856-7699	WCPSS	WCPSS
Olive Chapel	387-4440	Third party	Third party
Partnership	856-8200	WCPSS	WCPSS
Penny Road	387-2136	Third party	Third party
Pleasant Union	870-4230	WCPSS	WCPSS
Poe	250-4777	WCPSS	WCPSS
Powell	856-7737	WCPSS	WCPSS
Rand Road	662-2275	WCPSS	WCPSS
Reedy Creek	380-3660	Third party	Third party
Richland Creek	554-6333	Third party	Third party
River Bend	431-8010	Third party	Third party
Rolesville	554-8686	WCPSS	WCPSS
Root	881-4940	WCPSS	WCPSS
Salem	363-2865	Third party	Third party
Sanford Creek	570-2100	WCPSS	WCPSS
Scotts Ridge	290-2400	Third party	Third party
Smith	662-2458	WCPSS	WCPSS
Stough	881-4950	WCPSS	Third party
Swift Creek	233-4320	WCPSS	WCPSS
Sycamore Creek	841-4333	WCPSS	WCPSS
Timber Drive	773-9500	Third party	Third party
Turner Creek	363-1391	Third party	Third party  Third party
Underwood	856-7663	WCPSS	Third party
Vance	662-2472	WCPSS	Third party
Vandora Springs	662-2486	Third party	Third party
Wake Forest	554-8655	WCPSS	Third party
Wakefield	562-3555	WCPSS	Third party WCPSS
Wakelon Walnut Grank	404-3844	WCPSS	
Walnut Creek	857-9500	WCPSS	Third party
Washington	856-7960	WCPSS	Third party
Weatherstone	380-6988	WCPSS	WCPSS
Wendell	365-2660	WCPSS	WCPSS
West Lake	662-2300	Third party	Third party
Wilburn	850-8738	Third party	Third party
Wildwood Forest	713-0600	WCPSS	Third party
Wiley	856-7723	Third party	Third party
Willow Springs	557-2770	WCPSS	WCPSS
Yates Mill	233-4244	WCPSS	WCPSS
York	881-4960	Third party	Third party
Zebulon	404-3680	Third party	Third party







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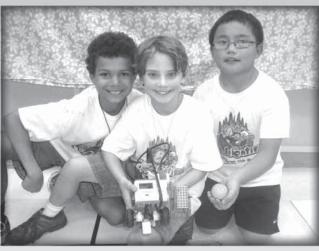
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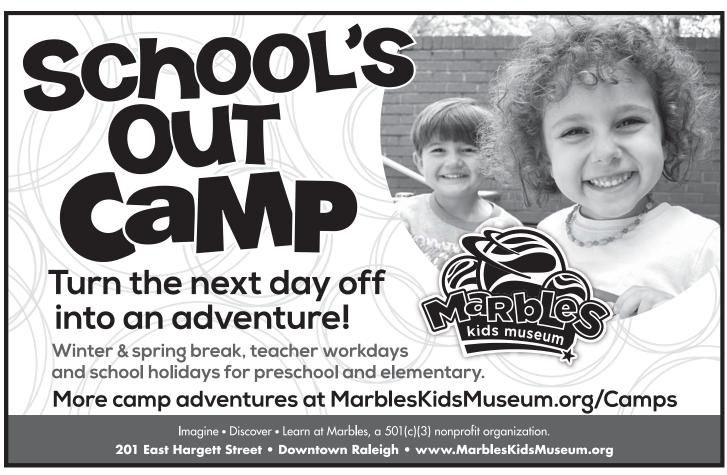
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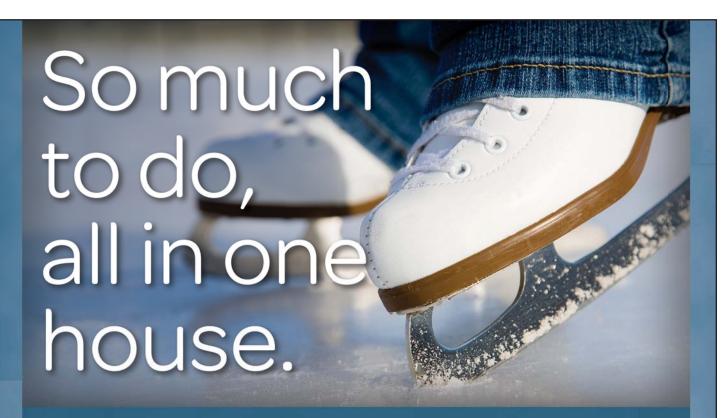
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#### Parents for the Advocacy of Gifted Education



#### Resource

Mick McCarthy, the president of Parents for the Advocacy of Gifted Education (PAGE), works alongside dedicated caregivers to meet the needs of gifted children. Mick says, "I got involved with PAGE because I needed a resource for my gifted child. PAGE was a great fit because it offered advocacy and educational support."

#### History

PAGE began in the 1970s under the direction of Dr. Lyn Aubrecht who noted that no resources existed for gifted children, not even in prevailing laws. Today, through activism and hard work, this has changed. Laws are in place to protect the needs of gifted children along with funding to provide needed resources.

#### Membership

Families of gifted children can connect with PAGE to enjoy a variety of services with a \$15 annual membership fee. Mick says, "This is a small price to pay to support the needs of a gifted child. Plus, the child will enjoy opportunities to immerse in their interests and meet other likeminded children."

#### **Benefits**

Benefits of PAGE are numerous. PAGE does Super Saturday child enrichment classes. These vary widely from STEM and crochet to writing and paleontology. PAGE also hosts the annual spelling bee, helping winners make it to the national event. Then, parents can connect with programs on how to nurture their child through resources, emotional support, a listsery, and Facebook Page.

## Protect the Cognitive and Emotional Development of Your Gifted Child

#### Goal

Mick says, "Our goal is to make sure the needs of these children are met. Often, they are overlooked because they are not apparently in crisis. Yet they do have special needs."

#### Support

Gifted children often need emotional support to help them deal with issues of perfectionism, anxiety, and depression. Gifted children often have narrowly focused, specialized interests which are central to their communication and thought life. This can make it difficult for them to relate to and build strong peer relationships. As well, they often need constant input which can lead to misdiagnosis.

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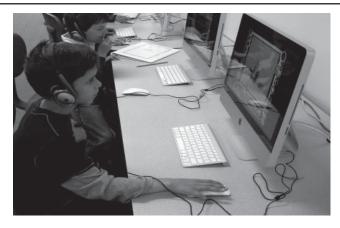
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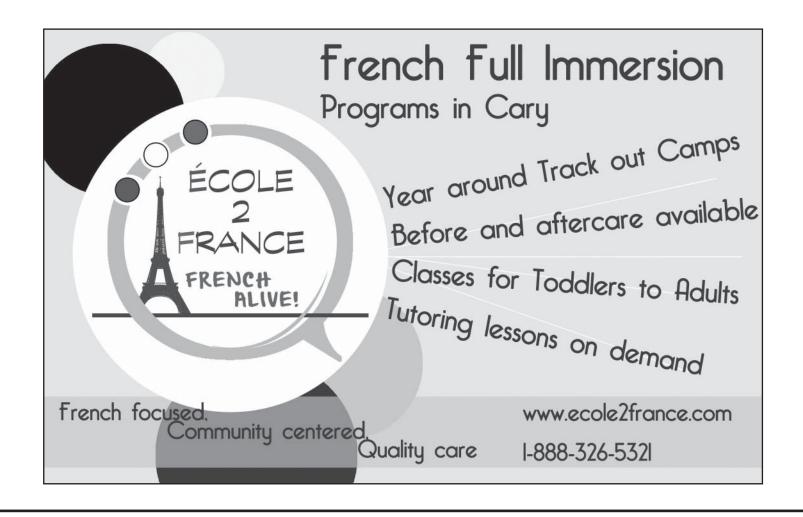
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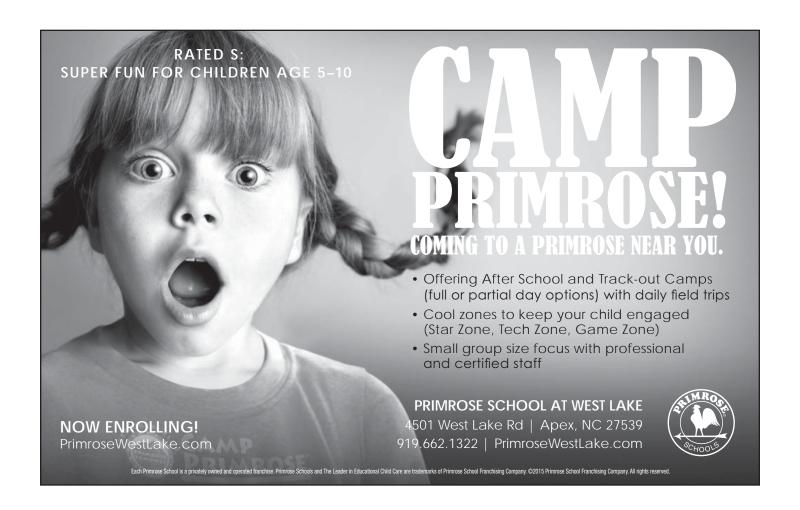


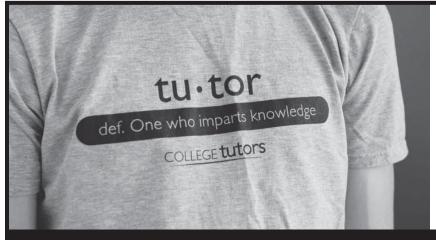
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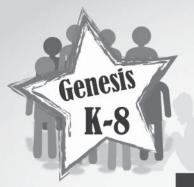
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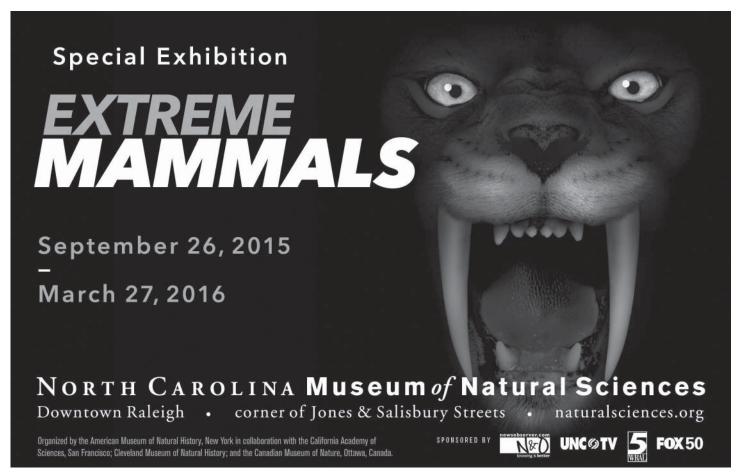
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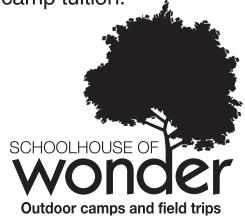
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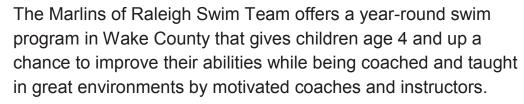


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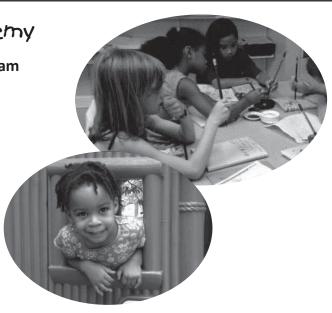


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#### Sight



Visual sensory processing disorders cover a wide range of issues and may manifest as problems with misplacing items, difficulty holding a gaze, lack of eye contact, focus on part of objects, trouble determining where one object ends and another begins, challenges recognizing familiar faces or letters, and over exertion to copy from the board or maintain one's place in a book. Often, these challenges may manifest as clumsiness or exhaustion with daily activities. Testing to determine the type of visual sensory disorder can give parents a guide for helping these children.



#### **Movement**



Floppy children may have a sensory issue with movement and an underdeveloped core. For these children, parents and caregivers can try cube chairs that help the child sit structured and not fall over. Hippity-hop bouncing balls are also great to give the child an opportunity to have fun and strengthen his/her core.



#### **Smell**



Sensitivity to smell can manifest as smelling people, places, or things before interacting or even liking or disliking someone based on smell. To help with sensory integration of smell, introduce calming scents. Lavender is a restful essential oil that can be implanted in a teddy bear and even play dough.

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#### Sound



Some children screech in horror with sudden loud sounds like a fire alarm. Others go to extremes to create constant noise. To help children who crave sound and even those who avoid it, introduce soothing sounds. Music at 50 to 70 beats per minute is very regulating. Rain and water recordings are naturally comforting. For those who struggle with loud noises, noise cancelling headphones reduce sound.



#### **Touch**



Do you have a child who loves to rub various textures or a child who can barely stand a light touch or clothing tag? This child may have a sensory integration issue with touch. The introduction of fake snow, gak, and kinetic sand during play time may allow a sensory avoidant and sensory seeking child the opportunity to touch textures safely. For those who long for constant and close touch, a cuddle loop or body sock can keep these children feeling soothed and calm.



#### **Taste**



Some children constantly seek oral stimulation. This may be evidenced by chewing on a shirt collar or sleeve; putting non-food items in the mouth; or biting one's tongue, fingernails, or cheek. Great ways to deliver this sensory stimulation include providing chewing gum, preparing beverages that must be sucked through a straw or bottle, teaching calming breaths, and offering necklace candy.



#### What about picky eaters?



Caregivers should not force a child who gags on certain textures to eat these foods. Instead introduce these food textures during mealtime and allow the child to see the caregiver enjoying them. Consider allowing the child to play with these textures separately from meal time. The child will try these food textures when he/she is ready.

If it turns out that your child has symptoms of a sensory processing disorder, determine if your child is sensory seeking or sensory avoidant. Then, take measures to help your child respond to the environment appropriately. With the aid of a trained professional, your child can receive services to respond positively in daily life. Wake County Public Schools System's Project Enlightenment is a great place to start to determine next steps for an evaluation. http://projectenlightenment.wcpss.net/





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