

# Lighthouse Autism Center Sponsors Sensory Room at The CASIE Center

Leading ABA Provider Sponsors Sensory Room at The CASIE Center to help support children on the autism spectrum

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, UNITED STATES, May 23, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Lighthouse Autism Center, a leading provider of center-based, Applied Behavior Analysis ("ABA") therapy, announced on Monday a new partnership with the CASIE Center. Beginning in May, all families who attend The CASIE Center will now have access to a sensory room where children with autism and other sensory disorders can benefit from a space customized to support their unique needs. As one of the largest ABA providers in the Midwest, Lighthouse Autism Center not only provides center-based autism services but works with local organizations like The CASIE Center to partner on projects like sensory rooms to support those with autism inside and outside their centers.

Lighthouse Sponsored Sensory Room Lighthouse Autism Center has sponsored a sensory room within The CASIE Center to help children on the autism spectrum. Approximately 17% of children who visit The CASIE Center, have a developmental delay or sensory



The CASIE Center Sensory Room Sponsored by Lighthouse Autism Center



The CASIE Center Sensory Room Image - Sponsored by Lighthouse Autism Center

needs. The goal of this room is to create a safe environment for children who may be overstimulated and need to de-escalate. This room is painted in the same calm and welcoming colors as all the Lighthouse Autism Center locations and is filled with sensory items to help with interacting and communicating with a child on the autism spectrum. Lighthouse has a goal to bring inclusion and education to our communities in support of children on the autism spectrum.

#### About Autism

Autism is a general term used to describe a group of complex developmental brain disorders –



The CASIE Center Sensory Room Image 2 -Sponsored by Lighthouse Autism Center

autism spectrum disorders–caused by a combination of genes and environmental influences. These disorders are characterized, in varying degrees, by communication difficulties, social and behavioral challenges, as well as repetitive behaviors. An estimated 1 in 36 children in the U.S. is on the autism spectrum. Most children were still being diagnosed after age 4, though autism can be reliably diagnosed as early as age 2.

#### The CASIE Center

The CASIE Center is a Child Advocacy Center (CAC), located in South Bend, IN. Serving over 1,000 children a year, in St. Joseph and Marshall County. The CASIE Center provides a comprehensive, coordinated multidisciplinary team approach to the problem of child abuse by providing a safe, supportive, child-focused environment for victims of abuse, their families and the professionals who investigate and address these problems.

In 1991, a group of professionals saw the need to improve the child abuse investigation process by reducing the number of interviews a child must go through, limiting the number of professionals with whom the child must have contact and expediting these cases through the system. Through the combined efforts and support of the Prosecutors Attorney's Office, The Junior League of South Bend, Memorial Hospital and the Department of Child Service, The CASIE Center opened for business in January 1994.

## Lighthouse Community Education

Along with partnering with local organizations and events, Lighthouse Autism Center is working hard to bring education to our local communities. Lighthouse Autism Center offers free training to any local community organization or healthcare provider who is looking to better understand how to support and advocate for those with autism. Sessions are led by our highly trained and experienced team of BCBA's and involves information on the signs of autism, characteristics of autism, and appropriate interactions and de-escalation techniques. These trainings are tailored to specific organizations such as first responders, police departments, medical facilities, libraries, and more. Participants are invited to ask our clinical team about specific situations or questions, and we offer a free autism resource kit with each presentation.

### About Lighthouse Autism Center

Headquartered in Mishawaka, Indiana, Lighthouse was founded in 2012 parents of a child with autism. Over the past 11 years, Lighthouse has grown into a leading center-based provider of ABA therapy for children on the autism spectrum, with a network of centers across Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and Iowa. By offering an innovative clinical model called Lighthouse Fusion in a natural, play-based environment, Lighthouse brings together compassionate care and clinical excellence to unlock each child's unique potential. For more information about Lighthouse, visit the company's website at www.lighthouseautismcenter.com.

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