



NB4T Parent Update, February 15th, 2024

Hello parents, guardians, friends and loved ones,

Happy Winter!! It's time for another NB4T update! This update is to help inform you of what's going on at NB4t but will also deliver some important reminders. This time please see the last page to sign and return. It is important to us that our parents and guardians stay informed about everything NB4T!

Attendance Update

As we are past the halfway point in NB4T's calendar year, it is time to review our attendance policy. Attendance for the first 6 months of our fiscal year was poor. That is even with considering the resurgence of Covid. Many clients have hit or exceeded their maximum number of absences with another 5 months still left in the fiscal year. It is important to understand that this could affect the client's placement at NB4T. NB4T receives funds for every 15 minutes we provide services. Every time a client is late, leaves early, or is completely absent, NB4T loses funds. Attendance will be reviewed at the annual ISP meeting and clients with attendance issues may be placed under Director or Board review when the maximum number is exceeded. Please note the policy below:

NB4T allows Clients to be absent (unexcused) 15 days per year. Excused absences do not factor into the 15 days. Excused absences are:

- Serious Medical Necessity (Sickness requiring a Dr.'s Note, hospitalization, or surgery)
- Bereavement
- Religious Observances

If your client is absent for the above, please notify us so we can add that information to our files. Units lost to being late to program or leaving early are also combined to create full day absences. We bill every 15 minutes which equals 24 units per day.

The **number one way** you can help NB4T is by having your client attend. It is also the number one way we can help your client. Great attendance generates more funding from Medicaid and helps us continue to provide the best services possible for your client.

The Arcade is truly a Wonderland...

The clients have begun using Wonderland Arcade. We are thankful for all the fundraising help raised at our Annual Gala to bring this unique and amazing space to our clients. The arcade will create a magical atmosphere for our clients and help them work on their social skills with peers. The staff will benefit from using the space to encourage our clients to complete their tasks and earn tokens in the arcade. What will be our focus at the Gala this year? Stay tuned!!! It is HUGE!

Speaking of the Gala...

This year's gala is on Wednesday, May 8th, 2024. As usual, we are very excited to see everyone at our annual gala. We will be back to let the "good times roll" and raise funds to take this program to the next level. This year's announcement will be the most exciting in our 8 years! The gala is our biggest fundraising event of the year, and as always, we could really use your help. There are so many ways to do that...

- Buy a ticket
- Buy a sponsorship package
- Inspire new donors
- Donate a prize for our silent auction
- Corporate Match
- Spread the word! Who do you know in your life that may want to join the cause?

Fundraising lineup, we need and love your support!!

We love to see our families at our events. We are so thankful for the support during our pie sale and winter raffle! The raffle tickets sold out quickly and the chicken pot sale was a record breaking 198 pies! What are your favorite fundraisers? Feel free to email us and give feedback! Kbradford@nb4t.org. Below is a list of upcoming fundraisers and events. We need your support to continue to create new programming and an environment that your client deserves!! There are so many ways to help! We are always open to any conversation on how you can support us the best!

Soup Sales: Every Friday, all winter long.

Bingo: Sold out last time...March 6th

Gala: May 8th

Golf Outing: June 13th

Shop 4 Tomorrow goes country ya'!!!

It was time to give our program's store an update. We want our clients to love the space they are learning in, so we added a country store theme to the space. The clients are loving the change and continue to work on their life-skills in this beautiful space. Check it out!



Fit for Tomorrow has new programming and a cool new look!

This year we added a new fitness program with our amazing personal trainers Lexi and Jacalyn. Clients go through 3 week mini “boot Camps” on top of their regularly scheduled gym times. The feedback has been

amazing! The clients are getting fit while having a lot of fun! We are excited to see this new programming grow! Check out “Fit 4 Tomorrow’s” new look!



Just Delicious Cafe is opening soon

We are finally clear and approved to open our cafe! Our staff has been hard at work training our clients in their new positions. We are excited about all the new life skills and social experiences the cafe will provide. We are currently having soft opening days using staff and board members, but soon we will be opening to all parents and guardians. As time goes on, we will get a handle on how many days and how many customers the cafe can support. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Facebook and Instagram Support

I add this next section to every update because it is so important. We really need more support in this area! It is free and takes a couple seconds to click the “like” button or thank a donor for our posts.

One of the easiest ways to help is to support us online. Our Facebook and Instagram posts need your “likes”. Whenever we post on social media, if people “like” our posts, it spreads to others. This increases the amount of people that learn about us and greatly helps the program. We have received donations this way and even have hired someone (Miss Nicole) who heard about us from someone’s “like”. It is especially important to thank donors and our families who donate. It lets donors know that their donations are appreciated, and it helps their advertising as well. We always ask people to support those who support us! Lately our “like” count has been very low, so please if you have a moment to show your support by clicking the “like” button, we will always

appreciate it. Liking our page also extends our reach, so please, do that as well and inspire others to join us on our journey!

You are now up to date with the “happenings” at NB4T. Stay tuned because things change quickly around here as we strive to be everything your clients deserve. As always if you need me, please dial 732-718-2675.

For anything fundraising you can email Amy Goldberg at agoldberg@nb4t.org

Kerry Bradford

NB4T Director



I, _____ have read the NB4T Update.

Name

Date