



# LEAPS AHEAD PROGRAM

 **Thompson Center**  
For Autism & Neurodevelopmental Disorders  
University of Missouri

## WHAT IS IT?

The Leaps Ahead Program is an in-clinic Applied Behavior Analysis service provided at the Thompson Center that offers a controlled environment and interdisciplinary team approach to assist children with:

- Participating in group activities
- Managing challenging social situations
- Building social skills
- Directing language towards peers

## WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM LEAPS AHEAD?

- Children who have diagnoses of an ASD or another neurodevelopmental disorder.
- Children whose main areas of concern are social skill development or the development of other behaviors required in social settings.
- Children who are preparing for a transition to an inclusive education setting (e.g., community preschool, general education classroom)
- Children who demonstrate at least phrase speech and have few instances of aggression.

## WHAT ARE THE FUNDING OPTIONS? HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

- Private insurance that covers ABA services for individuals with ASD
- Self-pay
- Scholarship (for those who qualify)

## FALL SCHEDULE (12 WEEK SEMESTER):

- Intake Assessment with parent & child (Required for all new clients): Scheduled individually
- Parent Orientation (Required)
- Two sessions per week: Spring and Fall sessions are 12 weeks, 2 days a week  
Summer sessions are 8 weeks, 2 days a week

### Who do I contact for more information?

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