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## ISDD New Staff

### Shantell Thomas

joined ISDD as the program assistant in June. She is passionate about helping others. She has a background with working with children and teens with Autism



as a registered behavior technician.

A native of Indianapolis, IN, Thomas relocated to Atlanta in her early teens to be raised by her aunt and uncle after her mother passed away. She holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Spelman College. She is married, has two daughters and lots of pets. During her free time she enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, and playing with her dogs.

Welcome to ISDD Shantell!

## Firework Safety Tips

- Always read and follow label directions
- Only use fireworks outdoors
- Never experiment or attempt to make your own fireworks
- Only light one firework at a time
- Never re-ignite malfunctioning fireworks
- Fireworks should only be used with close adult supervision
- Never give fireworks to small children
- Be sure to have water handy
- Never throw fireworks at another person
- Remember to call your local 911 for emergencies

<https://oci.georgia.gov/safety-tips-fireworks>

## **Covid-19 Vaccinations for Children Under 5**

Parents and caregivers can now get their children 6 months through 5 years of age vaccinated with the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines to better protect them from COVID-19. **All children, including children who have already had COVID-19, should get vaccinated.**

Distribution of pediatric vaccinations for these younger children has started across the country, and will be available at thousands of pediatric practices, pharmacies, Federally Qualified Health Centers, local health departments, clinics, and other locations this week. Children in this younger age group can be vaccinated with whichever vaccine is available (either Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech). Parents can reach out to their doctor, nurse, local pharmacy, or health department, or visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to see where vaccines for children are available. – Source: CDC

The costs of COVID-19 vaccination are covered for children ages 6 months to 5 years who are enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or Medicaid with no cost-sharing. Almost all Americans with Medicare, employer-sponsored coverage, or individual and group coverage can also get COVID-19 vaccines and boosters for free.

Source:

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2022/s0618-children-vaccine.html>

<https://www.beckerspayer.com/policy-updates/cms-to-cover-covid-19-vaccinations-for-children-5-and-younger.html>



## **ACT PARENTING CLASS JULY 21, 2022**

ACT Raising Safe Kids is an evidence-based curriculum from the American Psychological Association designed to provide caregivers of children 0 – 10 years old with a toolbox of skills to **effectively deal with difficult behaviors and form strong, healthy, loving attachments** with your relative children. In nine weekly, two-hour fun and interactive classes, you'll learn what children can do and understand at different ages, effective methods of discipline, how to resolve conflicts in positive ways and how to reduce the influence of electronic media. **Classes are held virtually on Thursdays from 10AM-12PM beginning July 21, 2022.** The course is free, but pre-registration is **REQUIRED** so that we can mail the class materials to you. **Deadline for registration is July 12th and classes begin July 21st.** Register here: <https://bit.ly/ACTJuly2022> or call Laquena Craig at 470-798-3025. **\$100 grocery gift card will be awarded to those who attend all nine sessions** (cannot have previously completed the course)!

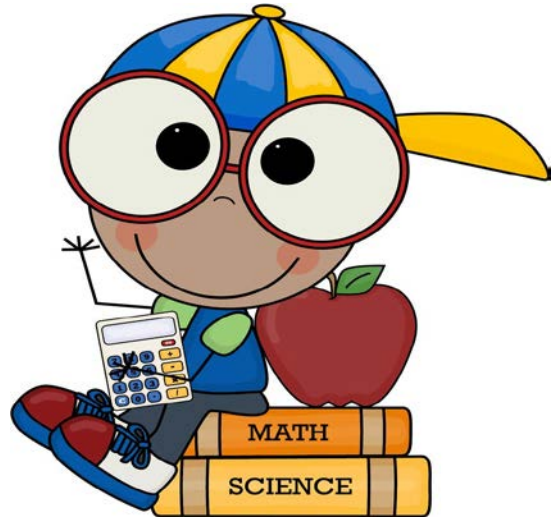
## Back 2 School

It's time for school supplies! If your children are in need of school supplies for the upcoming school year\*, please use the link provided

<https://bit.ly/Back2School2022ISDD>

Forms must be completed by 7/15. If you have any questions please contact your case worker or Shantell (470) 310-3458.

\*Must meet participation requirements for this opportunity.



## Upcoming Events

Family Fun Day at Malibu Grand Prix  
Tuesday July 12, 2022  
12pm-4pm

## SUPPORT GROUPS

In-person support groups (adults, children and teens; childcare for children under 8) are on the third Tuesday of each month unless stated otherwise. Light dinner served 6:00 – 6:30 pm. **RSVP required** @ 470 310-3452 or <https://bit.ly/PG07-19>

**Virtual support groups will continue for those who cannot attend in-person.**

<b>Adult Support</b> 10AM-12PM	<b>07/05-</b> No support group meeting <b>07/26-</b> Support and Sharing	Google Meet: <a href="https://bit.ly/ISDDAdult">https://bit.ly/ISDDAdult</a> Phone: 414-600-9528 PIN: 888 104 633#
<b>Family Support</b> 6PM-8PM	<b>07/19-</b> Guest speaker Nikki Hogan with Key Autism Services <b>RSVP:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/PG07-19">https://bit.ly/PG07-19</a> or 404-310-3452	Fulton Public Library System- Metropolitan Branch <b>RSVP:</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/PG07-19">https://bit.ly/PG07-19</a> or 404-310-3452
<b>Child Support</b> 6PM-7PM	<b>07/06-</b> Sharing & Games	Google Meet: <a href="https://bit.ly/ISDDChild">https://bit.ly/ISDDChild</a> Phone: 617-675-4444 PIN: 730 691 702 0287#
<b>Teen Support</b> 6PM-7PM	<b>07/13-</b> Sharing & Games	Google Meet: <a href="https://bit.ly/ISDDTeen">https://bit.ly/ISDDTeen</a> Phone: 929-226-1946 PIN: 508 364 396#



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