

## Lighthouse Autism Center Announces Expansion of ABA Services in Iowa

Leading ABA Provider Set to Open Newest Location in Waterloo, IA.

WATERLOO, IA, UNITED STATES, July 9, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Lighthouse Autism Center, a premier provider of center-based Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy, proudly unveils its latest expansion with a new center location in Waterloo, IA. Building upon its status as the largest ABA provider in Indiana, Lighthouse Autism Center extends its reach across multiple states including Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska. The forthcoming Waterloo Autism Center marks a significant milestone as the fifth establishment in Iowa by Lighthouse, poised to commence operations in late summer 2024.

This state-of-the-art facility is dedicated to serving 21 families within the Waterloo community, reinforcing Lighthouse's commitment to delivering exceptional autism services. Notably, this expansion initiative will contribute to the local economy by generating more than 35 new employment opportunities, further solidifying Lighthouse Autism Center's role as a



pivotal community partner in Iowa's healthcare landscape.

Autism spectrum disorder is one of the fastest-growing developmental disorders, with

approximately 1 in 36 children in the U.S. being diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD). As the need for services grows, Lighthouse Autism Center continues to pursue its mission of bringing the highest quality autism therapy to communities that need them. Lighthouse Autism Center services will bring ABA Therapy, Speech Therapy, Autism Diagnostic Testing, Virtual Parent Training, Pre-academic Learning, and much more to the Waterloo, Iowa community!

Colin Sheridan, Chief Executive Officer of Lighthouse Autism Center, expressed his enthusiasm for the organization's growth in 2024, stating, "This year holds numerous exciting developments for Lighthouse, notably the expansion of new autism centers across Iowa. There is no better place for Lighthouse to fulfill its mission of delivering top-tier ABA therapy services to communities in need."

## About Lighthouse Autism Center

Headquartered in Mishawaka, Indiana, Lighthouse is the Midwest's leading provider of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy for children with autism. Founded in 2012 by the parents of a child with autism, Lighthouse has a network of centers across the Midwest that offer ABA therapy, speech therapy, parent training, school-readiness programs, social skills groups, and diagnostic testing.

At Lighthouse, ABA therapy takes place in a natural, play-based environment where children are immersed in imaginary spaces and can naturally explore their interests, because we know children learn best when they are having fun. With a comprehensive approach to autism treatment, each center offers a variety of services, including Lighthouse Fusion<sup>®</sup>, a one-of-a-kind approach to speech therapy that provides children with greater opportunity for speech development. Developed by a team of dually certified BCBA/SLP's, some of only a handful in the world, children can participate in co-treat sessions where three clinicians collaborate with one child to develop goals and deliver therapy. By Fusing speech therapy directly into a child's daily programming, learners are making greater progress, faster.

Lighthouse Autism Center believes that each child has unique and unlimited potential and is committed to bringing together compassionate care and clinical excellence to unlock that potential. For more information about Lighthouse, visit the company's website at <u>www.lighthouseautismcenter.com</u>.

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