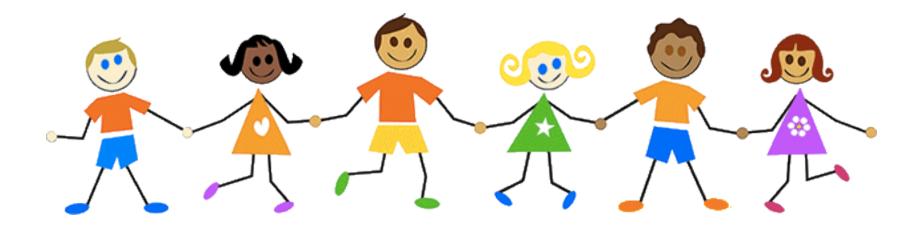
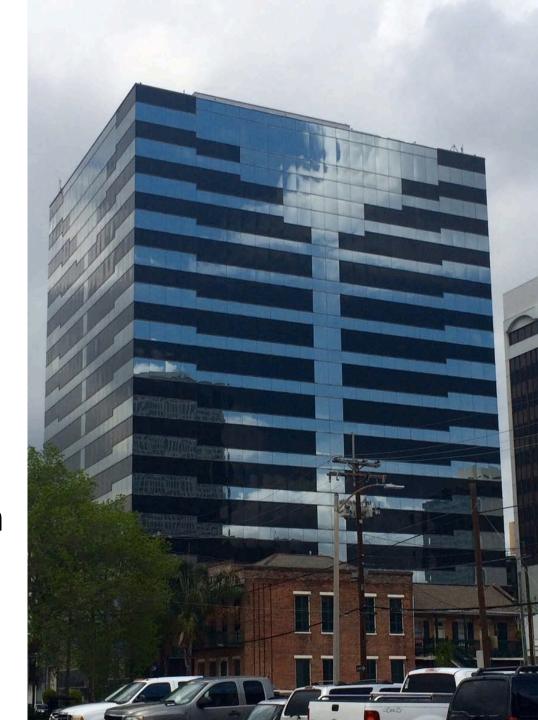


My Visit to TCARD

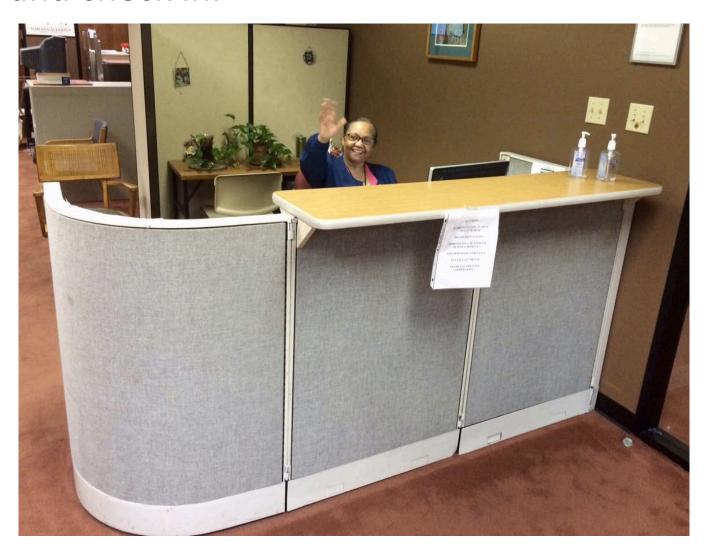


I will be going to TCARD this week! TCARD stands for Tulane Center for Autism and Related Disorders.

TCARD is in downtown New Orleans in the Murphy building.



When I get to the Murphy building, I will ride the elevator to the 14th floor. Then I will go to the front desk and check in.



I will wait in the waiting room until my appointment. There are chairs to sit in and toys for me to play with. It is important that I am quiet and don't leave the waiting area.



When it is time for my appointment, the TCARD team will come get me.

Then we will go into a room down the hall.



In this room, Dr. Lisa or Ms. Kathryn will ask my parents questions. They may ask me questions too! I can answer any of the questions I want to.



I can also play with the toys, books, or puzzles in the room.



After 1-2 hours, Dr. Lisa and Ms. Kathryn will finish asking questions.

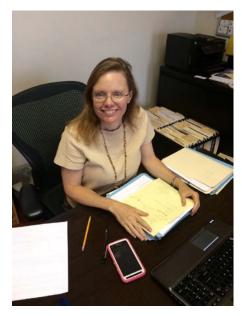
Then it will be time to clean up the room and either go home if my family lives close by, or stay for testing if we live very far away.

Part 2: Testing

When I come to TCARD for my next appointment, or go to a different room after talking with Dr. Lisa and Ms. Kathryn, I will take some tests. Different people may be giving the tests to me.



Dr. Lisa & Ms. Kathryn



Dr. Hauck

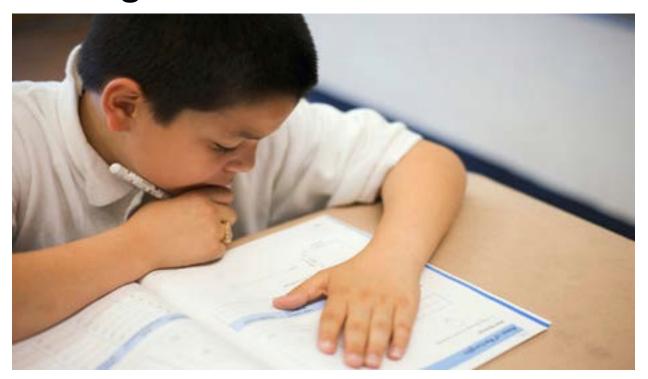
There are many different tests that I could take, and the TCARD team will pick out certain tests just for me.





The tests might include looking at pictures, drawing, listening to stories, answering questions, arranging blocks, and more!

These tests will help figure out what's going on in my brain and how life can be made easier for me. Nothing that I do at TCARD will hurt me.



So I will follow directions and do my best!

Testing will take a few hours, depending on how many I need to take. If it goes through lunch time, I will get a break to eat with my family, then continue testing.



When Dr. Lisa or Dr. Margaret and Ms. Kathryn get through all of the tests with me. It will be time to go home!



I may feel tired after testing, but if I did my best, then I did a great job!





