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### Help for special needs kids

Lakes area families with children struggling with Sensory Processing Disorders, Autism, ADHD or other developmental delays have new options with the opening of **Sensory Kids Pediatric Therapy**, 341 N. Pontiac Trail, in Walled Lake, MI. Owner and therapist **Michelle Cody** gained more than 20 years experience in school, clinical and hospital settings before recently branching out with her own location in Walled Lake. An occupational therapist and a member of the American Occupational Therapy Association, Cody has a wide variety of training to provide help with sensory integration; tactile defensiveness; autism; ADD and

ADHD; handwriting; vision therapy; feeding difficulties and other issues. "Autism, the diagnosis for children who are having difficulty in school in terms of attention and toleration of their environment, what they will and won't touch or eat — it's really on the rise," Cody said. "Occupational and speech therapy are essential in trying to problem solve those issues. It really targets those areas that they are struggling with, and gives parents a lot of tools at home that they can work with as well." Cody said she strives to give a personalized, individual approach to families. "It makes a big difference when the families understand how much of an impact they can make on a daily basis, given the right tools."