

Manna Church's Special Needs Ministry (VIK) | Haden Boliek, Debbie Hume, and Alyson Nance
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- I. Intro
 - a. Welcome
 - i. Haden introduces herself
 1. "Welcome to The Working Therapist podcast, I'm Haden Boliek, your host..."
 - ii. Haden thanks the listener for joining her today
 - b. Introduction of guests
 - i. We are very excited to have Debbie Hume and Alyson Nance joining us today
 - ii. Debbie Hume is an international educator and traveler. We're glad to have her joining us today.
 1. Haden asks Debbie to introduce herself
 - a. Director of Special Needs Ministry at Manna Church
 - b. Owner of Neuropathways to Learning
 - i. Haden asks question "What is Neuropathways to Learning?"
 1. Search & Teach
 2. Interactive Metronome
 3. Bio & Neuro Feedback
 4. Brain Mapping
 - ii. When did you open it?
 1. 2011
 - a. Recently reopened in June
 - iii. Who do you primarily treat there?
 - iv. What age children do you start to work with
 - c. Haden asks Debbie "What caused you to have an interest in learning disabilities and special needs education?"
 - i. Debbie expands on this to include her schooling.
 2. Haden comments "Before you started Neuropathways, you were living overseas, correct? Can you tell us a little about that?"
 - a. Debbie comments about her time in China & Thailand
 - i. Worked for Grace International School
 1. Offers affordable, high quality education to the children of Christian workers in Southeast Asia
 - iii. We also have returning guest and friend, Alyson Nance, here with us today.
 1. Haden asks Alyson to introduce herself
 - c. Haden thanks all guests for joining her today

- i. Excited about being able to record together today
- II. Introduction of topic
 - a. Haden comments “Debbie, you stated earlier that you are the Director of Special Needs Ministry at Manna Church. That’s actually how we all came to know each other.”
 - i. Group can comment on how they became acquainted.
 - b. Today our podcast subject is the Special Needs Ministry at Manna Church. Here at Pediatric Developmental Therapy we have been honored to be a part of helping you guys with this new ministry area you are launching called V.I.K.
 - i. Haden asks Debbie to explain what this ministry is.
- III. V.I.K.
 - a. Debbie introduces the name of the ministry
 - i. V.I.K. – Very Important Kids
 - 1. Ministry for children with special needs
 - 2. A part of Manna Church’s Worldchangers Children’s Ministry
 - b. Haden asks where the vision for this part of Manna’s Children’s Ministry come from?
 - i. How did you (Debbie) become a part?
 - c. Goals of the ministry
 - i. Haden comments “Here at PDT we are all about knowing our why, and helping our therapists know our why as a company as well as their why personally. Our ‘why’ for why we do therapy is we have a small window in the life of a child to help them grow and develop to be everything that they can be... it’s our purpose.”
 - 1. In saying that, what is the why / what are the goals of V.I.K.?
 - ii. Debbie explains the goals and gives insight in to the “why” of each. (Alyson and Haden give commentary and feedback throughout.)
 - 1. Implement Biblical principles of special needs ministry.
 - 2. Ministry philosophy that is inclusive.
 - 3. Intentionally and systematically with people who have special needs and help them grow.
- IV. What V.I.K. offers to families
 - i. Haden comments that as they have worked with Debbie and Manna Church it is clear that they *are* being intentional and systematic. The ministry has set up a number of systems for children with special needs.
 - b. Shadow Buddies
 - i. Haden comments “One thing you guys are utilizing throughout this ministry is Shadow Buddies. Can you explain what a Shadow Buddy is?”
 - 1. Debbie gives explanation of the shadow buddy system (do not mention information about going to sensory rooms yet... this will be asked by Haden)
 - a. Haden asks “Does every child receive a shadow buddy?”

depth about her presentation and gives helpful tips and insight in regards to sensory awareness

b. Haden asks Debbie what other presentations they have coming up

e. Respite Care

1. Haden reviews that Manna's program is offering shadow buddies, sensory rooms, and parent education, but there is another program that they are doing for families called Respite Care

ii. Haden asks Debbie to explain what Respite Care is

1. Haden asks what ages of children are accepted at respite care (comical option: Do you take teenagers?)

a. Debbie explains age range of accepted children

i. 18 months – 11 years

2. Haden asks "What the prerequisites are for being a part of Respite Care?"

a. How much does it cost?

3. What times is Respite Care available?

V. Wrap Up

a. Haden thanks Debbie and Alyson for their time

i. Haden asks Debbie if she has any final comments

b. Haden thanks guests for joining her for the podcast

c. Haden thanks the listener for tuning in

i. Stay tuned for next week's podcast with Rachel Beaver where go more in depth about her sensory awareness presentation

ii. Check out the show notes at www.theworkingtherapist.com to learn find links to products and websites mentioned throughout this podcast

iii. "I'll catch you next time on another addition of The Working Therapist Podcast."