5 Summer-Friendly 5 Tips for Picky Eaters

Autism-inclusive strategies to keep mealtime light, fun, and full of possibilities.



Make It Fun Turn meals into play!

Use colorful plates, playful utensils, and silly food themes like rainbow *lunches* or build-your-own snacks.



Celebrate Tries, Not Just Bites

Reward effort with praise, stickers, or extra playtime.



Know When to Ask for Help

If eating is stressful every day, it's okay to ask your ABA team for a plan. And don't forget: hydration matters even more in summer!



Offer tiny portions, just enough to explore. One new food at a time, repeated often. (Yes, even 10+ times!)



Keep a Routine

Regular mealtimes = less anxiety

Try eating together when possible; kids copy what they see. Keep screens off to help with focus.



Progress takes patience, play, and partnership.

Need support? Message us, we're here to help!

