

Ben's story, 3 years old

I am a mother of a 3 year old autistic child. We have been working Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBO) since February 2014 and have undergone 12 treatments. Thus far, I have seen wonderful changes in my son.

He has noticed that he has improved his verbal language, has more eye contact, and has been able to self-regulate more quickly. My son has also been able to recognize things by pointing and labeling objects spontaneously, and engages in activities for longer times. I have also noticed that he is able to jump on the trampoline with his feet clear of the air, being that prior to HBO he wouldn't attempt to jump, but instead run it down.

Now, I don't know if this is due to HBO, but in the past month I have noticed so many changes in his behavior and how he spontaneously says "Hi". Another significant thing that I have noticed in him is that he has been able to follow simple directions. Last but not least, being that my son spontaneously claps.

I am only half way through our 40 treatments with Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy. We all hope to see more improvements.

Michael's Story 9 years old



Eight years ago, we started our journey with autism. Our road has been much like many others' journeys—years of therapies that worked for a while, but then became stagnant.

The biggest challenges that have made progress impossible are that Michael has been a non-sleeper, and more recently, a screamer. Last year during October and November, Michael screamed continuously, except for when he slept. At times he would lay in my arms and sob even as he kept screaming. He wanted to stop, but couldn't.

I had been researching Hyperbarics for about 6-8 months at the time, and knew I had to do something to help both Michael and the rest of our family.

And so, this past January, we started Hyperbarics. The road was not always smooth. Michael continued to scream well into his first 40 treatments. However, after 54 treatments we saw a profound change in Michael's life, which has made our family life exponentially better.

His scream is now a whine that goes away when I remind him to stop. Play is no longer a foreign concept to Michael. He has shown progress both in social and toy play with an increase in the length of play. He is stunning us

by being the initiator of interaction. I am getting notes home from school stating what great progress he is making and how much fun they are having with him.

But best of all, Michael now greets me with full smile, glowing eyes and the sheer recognition that I am Mom and not just a person meeting his needs.

He is healthier and he is happier.

It is because of Hyperbaric Oxygen that instead of waking to screams every morning we now awake, after a full night of sleep, to his laughter.

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