choosing an ABA provider

# Important questions to ask prior to beginning services

Choosing an ABA provider for your child can be a difficult decision for any parent. While there are many ABA providers, not all providers offer the same quality of care. In order to provide your child the best opportunity for success, they need a program that will empower not only them, but you as a parent. Listed below are a number of questions designed to help you find the best ABA program for your child. Don’t be afraid to ask lots of questions!

Questions about your child’s Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA):

* Who are the BCBAs on staff, and what is their experience (i.e. years of therapy, age groups)?
* Is the BCBA board certified?
* How many children are on the BCBA’s caseload?

Questions about your child’s behavior tech:

* What type of training is provided to behavior techs prior to working with a child?
* What is the turnover rate for a behavior tech?
* What types of background do behavior techs have?
* How often is continued training provided to behavior techs?
* How often and in what ways are behavior techs supervised?

Questions about your child’s programing:

* Does your program offer center based and/or in-home services?
* How much of my child’s time will be 1:1 versus a group setting?
* How much supervision will the BCBA provide each week for my child’s therapy?
* Can I observe my child’s sessions?
* How are skills transferred to home, school, and community?
* Does your program address social skills? If so, how?
* How will your program help get my child ready for school?
* What different strategies will you use to teach my child?
* How often will my child’s goals be updated?
* How long will my child be in ABA?

Questions about parent training and communication:

* Do you offer any parent training? If so, how often?
* What methods will they use to keep parents in the loop regarding my child’s progress?
* How accessible is the BCBA?