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West Virginia Birth to Three

Frequently Asked Questions:

Applied Behavior Analysis

For more information:

West Virginia Birth to Three:
www.wvdhhr.org/birth23

Autism Speaks:
www.autismspeaks.org

Autism Society of America:
www.autism-society.org

Behavior Analyst Certification Board
www.bacb.com

The WV Birth to Three Autism Academy is a collaborative project between WV Birth to Three and the WV Autism Training Center .





Applied Behavior Analysis

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is a science that uses laws of learning to understand and teach behavior.

Strategies based on ABA can be used to teach children new skills and decrease challenging behavior.

ABA...

- Is individualized for your child
- Uses rewards to teach new skills
- Is used with a variety of populations
- Emphasizes planned activities
- Uses data or other information to make decisions

What will my child learn?

Your child will learn skills that meet his or her individual needs as determined by you and your WV Birth to Three team. Skills which your child may need to learn include:

- Increasing engagement
- Increasing interests
- Social skills
- Play skills
- Language and communication skills
- Pre-academic skills
- Improving sleep and feeding
- Attending skills
- Imitation skills
- Decreasing challenging behavior



Where will ABA services be provided?

ABA programs can be implemented in all settings including your home, daycare, and community (e.g., going to the grocery store, eating out at a restaurant, getting a haircut, etc).

What is my role as a family member?

You know your child best and will be fully included in developing goals for your child. To prepare to work with your team, ask yourself the following questions:

What are my child's strengths?

What are my child's weaknesses?

What behaviors are causing the most problems?

How does my child learn best?

What does my child enjoy?

Your involvement is vital to success. You can help your child get the most out of early intervention by working hand-in-hand with your child's team and following through on activities at home.

What is a BCBA?

A Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) is a professional who might be a part of your team. BCBA's have a Master's degree, met coursework requirements in behavior analysis, passed a test and trained under a BCBA. A BCaBA who is supervised by a BCBA also might be a part of your team.

BCBA's and BCaBA's work in a lot of different settings (homes, schools, community, hospitals, etc) with a variety of different populations, including children with ASD and other disabilities.