

# Who Can Provide Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)

## WHO CAN PROVIDE ABA FOR MY CHILD?

ABA principles can be used in many environments, such as school, home, work, and community. ABA treatments can be directed by masters-level clinicians or therapists, but ideally will be supervised by a licensed psychologist and/or board-certified behavior analyst (BCBA) who has specialized skills in and knowledge of autism. Here are some examples of professionals who might use ABA with your child:

### TEACHERS

Special education teachers sometimes receive training in ABA more specific to working with children with different types of disabilities.

Some special education teachers receive specialized training in ABA and others have additional credentials as a BCBA.



### CLINICIANS

Psychologists with specialized skills and knowledge of ASD might use ABA principles with their clients in sessions.

Behavior specialist consultants (BSC) use the principles of ABA to create and implement behavior plans for their clients with behavioral concerns. Pennsylvania requires BSC's to have a Behavior Specialist License to provide services to children with autism. To receive a Behavior Specialist License, a clinician must show they've had specific training in ABA.

Outpatient psychotherapists who have training in ABA or are certified as BCBA's can model techniques in sessions for parents to learn and use at home.

Outpatient speech therapists, occupational therapists, and physical therapists who regularly work with children with ASD often use ABA techniques in their sessions with their clients to optimize learning.

