

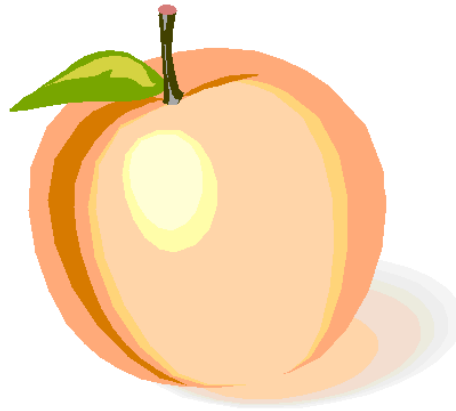



WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE REGIONAL BEHAVIOR ANALYST?

Some roles of the Regional Behavior Analysts include:

- ◆ Training provider agencies to use behavior analytic techniques to help increase skills that promote independence and reduce challenging behaviors.
- ◆ Providing training for regional staff on behavioral analytic service provision.
- ◆ Coordinating the work of the Behavior Analysis Peer Review Committee (BAPRC) within the region.
- ◆ Assisting providers to implement recommendations made by the BAPRC.
- ◆ Developing and implementing regional committees to review Behavior Support Plans
- ◆ Providing general consultation to providers for individuals with exceptional behavioral needs


****Note: Regional Behavior Analysts do not write Behavior Support Plans or act as private behavior consultants to providers.****



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 BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS 

*Promoting independence for individuals
with developmental disabilities through
applied behavior analysis.*

What is Applied Behavior Analysis(ABA)?

ABA DEFINED

ABA is a field of study that focuses on the application of the principles, methods, and procedures of the science of behavior. The principles, methods and procedures are a result of years of research in both human and animal behavior. ABA studies the interactions between people and the environment to determine the effect the environment has on a person's behavior.

ABA APPLICATIONS

Applied Behavior Analysis is used to:

- ◆Teach new skills – daily living, job skills, academic skills, sports, etc.
- ◆Improve performance in already acquired skills – faster job completion, exercise, etc.
- ◆Decrease unwanted challenging behaviors – tardiness, fingernail biting, aggression, ticks associated with Tourette syndrome, self-injurious behavior, and pica etc.
- ◆Used with individuals, groups, corporations, etc.

BASED ON DATA

Data collection is a top priority for behavior analysts when implementing behavior change procedures, because all of their decisions are based on data. A key component in choosing an intervention procedure is the data. Additionally, data recorded during an intervention shows whether or not a procedure is effective or if a procedure is ineffective and needs to be revised. Thus, accurate and consistent data collection is necessary for behavioral interventions to result in socially significant changes.

COMMON TERMS ASSOCIATED WITH APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS:

- ◆Reinforcement
- ◆Self management
- ◆Preference assessments
- ◆Behavior Support Plans (BSPs)
- ◆Functional Assessment
- ◆Functional Analysis
- ◆Shaping
- ◆Fading
- ◆Competency-based training



HOW CAN WE HELP YOU AS PROVIDERS?

- ◆Train your staff in the “*Better Days*” curriculum and other topics.
- ◆Assist participants of BAPRC reviews in improving their services.
- ◆Answer questions about Applied Behavior Analysis and behavioral technologies
- ◆Review and provide recommendations to improve BSPs.

REFERRAL CRITERIA FOR CONSULTATION

- ◆ Individual has a current BSP that is not working.
- ◆ Recent intervention approaches have been ineffective
- ◆Staff agree to collect behavioral data.
- ◆ Individual exhibits behaviors posing safety or health risks.
- ◆ If criteria are met, complete referral form and send to regional case expeditors.