



Parent Frequently Asked Questions

Applied Behavior Analysis

What is Applied Behavior Analysis?

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is a type of therapy based on the science of learning and behavior. There can be several phases of assessments and observations to develop a treatment plan. Each plan is tailored to the child's strengths and weaknesses. Once a treatment plan is developed, therapists use positive reinforcement to support each child as they learn the skills needed to become independent and successful later in life.

Is Applied Behavior Analysis right for my child?

ABA is beneficial to individuals of all ages. It is the top treatment for people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and can be beneficial for other developmental and psychological disorders as well. It can also help those without development disabilities who experience behaviors that interfere with their everyday life.

Typically, ABA is used to help improve social and communication skills, promote independence and self-care, improve poor academic performances, and reduce harmful behaviors like tantrums or self-injury.

Gem City Behavioral Solutions

What makes you different?

We believe it is our responsibility to provide services tailored for children who live with development, social, and communicative difficulties. To do so we take the time to get to know your child on a personal level. Parent and professional collaborations are also encouraged. Knowing your child and encouraging a collaborative environment allows us to build an individualized treatment plan for your child's unique needs. We pride ourselves on using cutting-edge technology to monitor and provide timely updates on your child's progress.

What are your office hours and contact information?

Our hours of operation are 9:00 A.M - 6:00 P.M Monday through Friday. Saturday and Sunday sessions may be available upon request. To contact us we can be reach by phone at 937-365-7455 or fax at 937-600-6071.

What is the process to start services?

The intake process can take between 4 to 6 weeks to complete depending on insurance requirements, previous services, and availability.



Can you provide transportation for my child if needed?

No, our employees are not allowed to transport clients. We will also not place any child under the age of 18 on public transportation.

Do you coordinate care with other providers?

Yes, in fact we encourage it! We can coordinate with your child's doctor(s), speech therapists, occupational therapist, physical therapists, and anyone else you feel would be beneficial. You will be asked to sign a release of information to and from these providers.

Can you administer medication?

No. We are not able to give any medications unless they are lifesaving medications. All lifesaving medication must be in the original packaging with the complete prescription information.

What to Expect

How long are therapy sessions?

We generally recommend 2 to 4-hour sessions for a variety of reasons. Sessions may be extended or shortened based on your child's needs.

How many behavior technicians will be working with my child?

For sessions longer than 2 hours, multiple therapists may be assigned to the case. Each therapist will receive training and supervision on your child's treatment plan. Under certain circumstances, therapists may need to substitute or switch sessions.

What should I expect during home-based sessions?

A parent or guardian should be home during all home sessions. We ask all medication, diaper changes, and minor injuries be handled by the parent/guardian. While therapy session will often be conducted in a separate room, the door will remain open during the duration of the session. We ask this room be organized and free from distractions.

What should I expect during community sessions?

For community sessions, we ask that a parent or guardian is within 15 minutes of the session location. Community sessions will be discussed in advanced. If their location or activity needs to be changed a therapist will contact you.

What is a treatment plan?

A treatment plan is developed by your BCBA and provides detailed information related to the services being provided. This information may include treatment goals and objectives, behavior intervention procedures, and a summary of your child's progress. If you have any questions regarding the treatment plan, please contact your BCBA.

Why am I being asked to participate in my child's therapy?

Parent involvement is important to make sure services are successful across various environments. Most insurance companies require this to be included in your child's treatment plan. Refusal to participate will be documented and continued participation refusal could result in suspension or termination of services.

What if I would like to add or modify my child's treatment plan?

Please let your BCBA know if you would like to add or change any goals or procedures in your child's treatment plan. Please keep in mind, insurance may limit what goals can be worked on and some changes must be reviewed and cannot be changed immediately. In these cases, your BCBA will document your request, submit the changes for review, and make the changes as soon as possible. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your BCBA.

How often are treatment plans updated?

You can ask to review your child's progress at any point during the treatment. Reassessments and treatment plans are typically updated every 5 - 6 months. As part of the plan update process, the BCBA will assess your child's progress through a variety of methods. All treatment plan updates must be reviewed and signed by a parent or legal guardian. This must be completed thirty (30) days before the end of the current authorization period. Failure to review, sign and submit the updated treatment plan within this time period could result in temporary suspension of services.

What are "Supervision Sessions"?

Insurance companies require CBAs to supervise the behavior technicians working with your child at least twice a month to ensure the treatment plan and procedures are being followed. The amount of supervision and consultation conducted by the BCBA may occur more frequently depending upon your child's specific needs. If the BCBA feels they cannot provide an adequate amount of supervision, he/she will refer the case to another BCBA within the company. If a replacement BCBA cannot be found, we will refer you to another provider.