

An Experienced Team

The HealthWest Autism program has served individuals with Autism since April 2013. Our experienced staff ensure quality Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) treatment for all individuals served.

In Good Hands

The clinical team has many years of experience working in related fields including: elementary and secondary education, infant mental health, counseling, case management, crisis intervention, and residential services.



HealthWest Service Delivery

Service delivery is based on the needs of each child and family. Services can be provided in-home, in the center, or in the community both individual and group format. The staff will help address any treatment barriers that affect services.

What My Child Could Learn

- Attending skills
- Imitation skills
- Functional play
- Communication and language skills
- Social skills
- Self-help and daily living skills
- Perspective taking
- Replacement behaviors to those that interfere with learning or cause harm to self or others



Interested in a Career in Behavior Analysis

HealthWest offers training and supervision to those seeking credentials in ABA. We focus on excellence and quality, and we offer a competitive benefit package.

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Autism Program

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About Applied Behavior Analysis

ABA is based on science of learning and behavior.

There are basic principles of behavior that can be applied to increase or decrease behaviors.

Behaviors targeted with ABA treatment should be socially significant.

ABA is based on decades of research and is endorsed by the US Surgeon General, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Psychological Association, and more!

ABA helps children reach their full potential and can change the life of not only the child, but of the family.

How ABA is Provided

There are two levels of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) service intensity provided at HealthWest. The level of ABA intervention is determined through the person-centered planning process and is informed by a comprehensive assessment process.

Parent/Caregiving Participation

Evidence shows that children will have better outcomes when there is a high level of parental involvement.

We provide education and training that will allow parents and caregivers to implement treatment at home and become equal members of the treatment team.



Reducing Parenting Stress

Parents of children in the HealthWest Autism Program, whose child received at least one year of consistent ABA therapy, reported reduced levels of parenting stress.

Areas surveyed include potty-training, communication, aggressive and self-injurious behavior, transitions, being accepted by others, and independent living.

In one year, parents reported a 50% decrease in levels rated "very stressful on a daily basis" or "so stressful sometimes we feel we can't cope".

Youth Behavior Supports Program

The Youth Behavior Support Team can address a variety of needs including complex behavior concerns, family relationships, interpersonal effectiveness, mental health complications, psychiatric illnesses, trauma experiences and substance use disorders and other addictive behaviors. The program strives to provide education and training that will allow parents and caregivers to learn from members of the consumers treatment team. The goal of the program is to assist consumers in improving in their ability to regulate their emotions, to acquire or improve skills and reduce acting out behavior.



Care Coordination

Care coordination is very important to treatment for each child we serve. Our Behavior Specialists, BCBA's, and Supports Coordination staff regularly attend medication reviews and school meetings; ensuring a focus on integrated health care and collaboration across all environments.