

Questions to Ask about an ABA Treatment Program for Children with Autism

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1	What is the ratio of BCBA's to children?	1:7-12
2	How often is there a BCBA on campus/at your facility?	Every day
3	How often are the children's programs updated?	At least Weekly
4	What assessments do you use? How often are they updated?	ABLLS, VB-MAPP, AFLS, Preference Assessment, TEKS, others as needed
5	Is there a Human Rights Committee/Ethics committee to approve punishment procedures?	Yes
6	How old are the children in your program?	Up to age 21
7	What are the qualifications of your direct care (1:1) staff?	High school diploma/GED. Many are graduate students from University of Houston Clear Lake.
8	How much training do your 1:1 staff receive prior to working with the children?	Approximately 6 weeks of orientation and competency-based skills training.
9	How often are the 1:1 staff evaluated? Get feedback?	Monthly or more often if needed.
10	Can you give me an example of what my child's daily schedule will look like?	See information on daily schedule on website
11	How many staff will my child work with each day? Week?	Approximately 3-5
12	How often are you closed? Summer schedule?	We are open most days except major holidays. An annual schedule is provided each fall
13	How often do you have parent meetings? Are there opportunities for other trainings?	Parent meetings are typically monthly or more often if needed. There are monthly opportunities for additional classroom parent training.
14	Are there opportunities for parent training at home, in the community, etc.?	Yes
15	Can I come in and observe or watch my child?	Yes
16	Is there any opportunity for social skills training?	Yes
17	Is there any opportunity for social skills training with typically developing children?	Yes
18	Will you collaborate with other disciplines? Speech? OT?	Yes
19	For older children, are there opportunities for vocational training?	Yes
20	Can you address feeding problems?	Yes



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21	What is your transition procedure? Can employees from the school/treatment center where my child is transitioning to come and observe? Can you provide training for them? Do you attend ARD meetings?	We have a comprehensive transition procedure including participating in ARD meetings as appropriate. Employees from other schools are welcome to observe and or train with your child
22	Are you a TEA approved non-public school site?	Yes, as of fall 2013
23	Are you licensed, certified, or regulated by any agency? If so who?	Some components of our facility are regulated by the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, and other components are regulated by the Department of Family Protective Services.
24	Are you associated with any university program in Behavior Analysis?	Yes, the University of Houston Clear Lake Master's program in Applied Behavior Analysis.
25	Do you take the children into the community for training opportunities? Do you provide opportunities for field trips as appropriate for my child?	Yes
26	Do you use technology such as IPADS or a smart board to assist with treatment?	Yes
27	Do you have an option to use online data collection I can view daily from home?	Yes
28	Do you provide any additional summer activities such as summer camps, splash day, or t-ball that promote age appropriate socialization and skills?	Yes
29	Do you provide before or after care hours that allow extended hours so that I can work? If so how much do these extended hours cost per hour?	YES; \$8 per hour
30	Is the cost of training materials and reinforcers included in the cost of the program?	Yes
31	Do you file for insurance reimbursement?	Yes
32	What is your attendance policy? Do we have to pay for absences? Leaving early?	No you do not have to pay for missed days or leaving early. DARS grant has an attendance procedure.

