

D.2: Behaviour interventionist and training funding

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Purpose

This policy describes the eligibility considerations for behaviour interventionist funding for children with a diagnosis or medical query of autism spectrum disorder.

Policy

1. Disability Services (DS) provides behaviour interventionist funding for the specific purpose of administering the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) program with the client, as created by the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA).
2. Clients must have a diagnosis or medical query of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in order to be eligible for behaviour interventionist and training funding.
3. Clients aged 12 and under will be prioritized for this funding.
4. Caregivers may choose to hire a behaviour interventionist or administer an ABA program themselves.
 - The funding covers the cost of hiring an individual to administer the program; caregivers administering the program themselves are not eligible to be paid as interventionists.
5. The BCBA is responsible for creating, guiding and closing the client's ABA program as clinically indicated and determining the suitability of the chosen worker to administer the program appropriately.
 - DS allocates behaviour interventionist funding according to recommendations from the BCBA, including the number of hours required to administer the program.
 - DS may refuse to continue funding services if the BCBA indicates the ABA program is no longer clinically-indicated or not delivering intended outcomes.
6. Behaviour interventionists must receive training from the BCBA prior to providing any ABA-related services, including rapport-building sessions with the client.

Definitions

Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA): An umbrella term referring to the practice of applying psychological principles of learning theory in a systematic way to teach skills and modify behaviour.

Behaviour interventionist: A person hired by caregivers and trained and monitored by the BCBA to administer the ABA program with the client. Behaviour interventionists are paid using the behaviour interventionist and training funding.

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Board Certified Assistant Behaviour Analyst (BCaBA): An individual with an undergraduate level of education in behaviour analysis who is certified by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board Inc.® and is supervised by a BCBA. The BCaBA may provide behaviour analysis services under the supervision of a BCBA.

Board Certified Behaviour Analyst (BCBA): An individual with a master's level of education in behaviour analysis who is certified by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board Inc.®. The BCBA works with a client and caregiver to identify desired skill acquisition and behaviour changes, and develops a program to meet those goals. They also meet with the client, caregiver and behaviour interventionist regularly to monitor and adjust the program as needed.


Caregiver(s): A person or persons who are the primary unpaid caretakers of the client and who reside in the same home as the client. Caregivers may or may not have legal guardianship over the client, and are not eligible to be paid as behaviour interventionists or receive training funding.

Client: An individual with a disability who receives services from Disability Services.

Genie: The online case management system used by Disability Services.

Authorities

- Health Act (Yukon)
- Financial Administration Act (Yukon)

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