## **ABA Services**

The *Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)* program at The Children's Institute provides comprehensive and holistic services for children with autism between the ages of 18 months to 21 years old. The collaborative services include speech language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, behavioral health, and nutrition/feeding. These services are available on-site at our main campus in Squirrel Hill or via telehealth. In-home ABA services are also available when clinically appropriate.

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## Preliminary Accreditation

Behavioral Health Center of Excellence

## What is ABA?

Applied Behavior Analysis is the science of behavior and learning that focuses on decreasing problematic behaviors while increasing the skills needed to engage more fully in the environment, including communication, social skills, and attention. ABA is clinically proven as an effective treatment for individuals with autism.

Our ABA team works closely with the family's medical provider, therapists, and school district to provide a collaborative approach and optimal continuity of care.

Coupled with insights from parents, our experts develop individualized goals for each child that focus on areas such as improved language and communication, social/play skills, and independent living skills, all within the least restrictive environment possible.

## What makes our program unique?

**Integration** - Our ABA program includes an integration of all services under one roof, including speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy, behavioral health, and nutrition/feeding.

**Training** - A robust parent training program teaches family behavioral techniques and principles to ensure continuity from the center to the home.

**Expertise** - Highly trained, master's level Board Certified Behavioral Analysts (BCBAs) design and oversee all treatments to help children prosper and grow. There is no better partner than The Children's Institute – our passionate team members have been serving children with special needs since 1902.

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