**What is the role of the regional behavior analyst?**

Some roles of the Regional Behavior Analysts include:

✦ Training provider agencies to use behavior analytic techniques to help increase skills that promote independence and reduce challenging behaviors.

✦ Providing training for regional staff on behavioral analytic service provision.

✦ Coordinating the work of the Behavior Analysis Peer Review Committee (BAPRC) within the region.

✦ Assisting providers to implement recommendations made by the BAPRC.

✦ Developing and implementing regional committees to review Behavior Support Plans

✦ Providing general consultation to providers for individuals with exceptional behavioral needs

***Note: Regional Behavior Analysts do not write Behavior Support Plans or act as private behavior consultants to providers.***

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What is Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)?

**ABA Defined**
ABA is a field of study that focuses on the application of the principles, methods, and procedures of the science of behavior. The principles, methods and procedures are a result of years of research in both human and animal behavior. ABA studies the interactions between people and the environment to determine the effect the environment has on a person’s behavior.

**ABA Applications**
Applied Behavior Analysis is used to:

- Teach new skills – daily living, job skills, academic skills, sports, etc.
- Improve performance in already acquired skills – faster job completion, exercise, etc.
- Decrease unwanted challenging behaviors – tardiness, fingernail biting, aggression, ticks associated with Tourette syndrome, self-injurious behavior, and pica etc.
- Used with individuals, groups, corporations, etc.

**Based on data**
Data collection is a top priority for behavior analysts when implementing behavior change procedures, because all of their decisions are based on data. A key component in choosing an intervention procedure is the data. Additionally, data recorded during an intervention shows whether or not a procedure is effective or if a procedure is ineffective and needs to be revised. Thus, accurate and consistent data collection is necessary for behavioral interventions to result in socially significant changes.

**Common Terms Associated With Applied Behavior Analysis:**
- Reinforcement
- Self management
- Preference assessments
- Behavior Support Plans (BSPs)
- Functional Assessment
- Functional Analysis
- Shaping
- Fading
- Competency-based training

**How can we help you as providers?**
- Train your staff in the “Better Days” curriculum and other topics.
- Assist participants of BAPRC reviews in improving their services.
- Answer questions about Applied Behavior Analysis and behavioral technologies
- Review and provide recommendations to improve BSPs.

**Referral Criteria for Consultation**
- Individual has a current BSP that is not working.
- Recent intervention approaches have been ineffective
- Staff agree to collect behavioral data.
- Individual exhibits behaviors posing safety or health risks.
- If criteria are met, complete referral form and send to regional case expediters.