



# Choosing an ABA Therapy Center

Use This Checklist To Help You Evaluate Which ABA Therapy Center Will Be Best For You

Things to Consider...		Center #2	Center #3
Does the Center have a <b>camera system AND a parent-viewing room</b> (to watch therapy happening live)?	YES		
If your child has had a history of trauma, does the Center create a care plan that helps to <b>prevent future trauma</b> ?	YES		
To ensure all childrens' <b>safety</b> (and the potential for escalated behaviors), does the Center utilize QBS Safety Training?	YES		
Does the Center follow an <b>emergency preparedness plan</b> for staff and children and perform regular fire drills, safety drills, etc?	YES		
Does the Center include the following <b>hiring requirements</b> for its therapy technicians:  1) First Aid/CPR 2) Background Check 3) Drug Screening  AND is there a focused full-time training period for technicians before they are approved to work with children?	YES		
Does the Center provide ongoing <b>continuing education</b> to its staff (ABA education, skill development, and identifying child-specific needs)?	YES		
Does the Center's <b>daily therapy model</b> include:  1) A balance of focused, structured 1 to 1 ABA therapy AND 2) Structured group/social opportunities (to allow for learning in various environments)?	YES		

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<b>Things to Consider (continued)...</b>		<b>Center #2</b>	<b>Center #3</b>
Does the Center use a <b>“play-based” approach</b> to learning new skills in a fun, inviting environment (that doesn’t feel like a doctor’s office)?	<b>YES</b>		
Does the Center have <b>weekly parent meetings</b> with the child’s BCBA Supervisor?  Meetings are designed to: 1) Help manage problem behaviors at home, 2) Implement a routine that will ease parents’ daily struggles, and 3) Help to establish functional communication between a parent and their child	<b>YES</b>		
Does the Center have an <b>online progress report in real-time</b> for parents, AND does it provide <b>written end-of-day summary reports</b> ?	<b>YES</b>		
Will the Center be <b>able to provide all therapy hours</b> that have been approved by insurance? If insurance approves 40 hrs/week of therapy, some Centers may only have enough therapy technicians to provide 20 hrs/week.	<b>YES</b>		
Does the Center allow <b>outside providers</b> (such as speech and/or occupational therapists, etc.) to provide services <b>on-site</b> at its Center?	<b>YES</b>		
Does the Center take <b>regular field trips</b> (e.g. to the park, aquarium, fire department, etc.) with parents, therapists and BCBA’s?	<b>YES</b>		
Is the Center <b>conveniently located</b> , with freeway access and underground parking?	<b>YES</b>		
Does the Center <b>process insurance and billing at their local office</b> (for faster approval turnaround times and timely answers to questions)?	<b>YES</b>		
Does the Center work with <b>part-time AND full-time children</b> ? Some other Centers only work with full-time children (regardless of the child’s need).	<b>YES</b>		
Is the company <b>family-owned and operated</b> ? AND backed by a proven, national care model and network?	<b>YES</b>		


*Success on the Spectrum* provides ABA Therapy for children with Autism, coupled with parent training. We focus on helping children develop self-control, independence, and a positive self-concept in a fun, engaging environment. Our long-term objective is to teach functional skills that help our clients become fulfilled adults in mainstream society.

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# Compare ABA Autism Therapy

This Checklist Can Help You Compare SOS To Other Autism Therapy Centers

Compare The Numbers...		Center #2	Center #3
<p><b>Individualized Care and Support</b> Some ABA Autism Therapy Centers serve 60 children. We keep our Center capacity to 24 children so we can provide more individualized care and support.</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>		
<p><b>Caseload of BCBA (Supervisor of Technicians)</b> Does the BCBA Supervisor have a small caseload that allows for more focused supervision of your child's therapy? Our BCBA's have a full-time caseload of no more than 12 children. Some BCBA's at other centers have caseloads of 20-30 children -- ask them what their caseload is.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>		
<p><b>Age Range for Therapy</b> We work with children from age 18 months up to 18 years. At some centers, children age out when they turn 6.</p>	<p><b>18 Months to 18 Years</b></p>		
<p><b>Therapy Rotations</b> Does the center have regular therapy rotations between technicians (i.e. sessions with the same technician that don't exceed 2 hours)? Regular rotations throughout the day with different technicians helps to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Improve your child's engagement in therapy, which results in better learning opportunities and outcomes.</li> <li>2) Reinforce skills being learned and demonstrated among several types of people (therapy technicians, peers, friends, family members, etc.).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Every 2 Hours</b></p>		
<p><b>Available Therapy Settings</b> We provide 3 potential options for therapy -- in-center, in-home, and school shadowing. Do the other centers?</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>		