



## Finding a Qualified Behavior Analyst

If your child is struggling to succeed in school, the most important step you can take is to find a professional who is skilled in assessing and treating complex human behavior in school settings. The best recommendation is to locate a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. These professionals earned certification by completing extensive training and supervised experience in the study of human behavior. A rigorous Code of Ethics also binds them to very high standards of professional conduct. For more information about certification please visit [bacb.com](http://bacb.com).

*To find a Board Certified Behavior Analysts near you, go to [BACB.com](http://BACB.com) and click on the "Certificant Registry". If you are interested in information about Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis, please see the related brochure at [BehaviorCanChange.com](http://BehaviorCanChange.com)*

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*We Can Help!*



***Applied Behavior Analysis  
for Parents:***

# What You Need to Know About Improving Your Child's School Performance





## Applied Behavior Analysis:

# How a Behavior Analyst Can Support Your Child's Success in School

## Applied Behavior Analysis...

Has built the foundation for effective education in America. Six decades of rigorous scientific research by behavior analysts have developed many of the best educational practices applied in successful schools. In addition to assessing and treating problem behaviors, behavior analysts can support the delivery of powerful teaching methods for students throughout their learning experiences from the preschool classroom to university graduation.

## Behavior Analysts

Know how to work with teachers and families to accelerate learning for students in both regular education and special education programs. Since the 1970's when federal law first gave students with disabilities the right to attend public schools, behavior analysts have helped children and adolescents successfully integrate into neighborhood schools and classrooms.

## Behavior Analysts

Are excellent advocates for the student. However, behavior analysts do not "take sides" or engage in confrontations. Instead, behavior analysts focus on the child and his or her behavior. The ultimate goal is working with parents and teachers to achieve the maximum level of success for every student.

### If...

- your child is struggling to succeed in school, or
- your child has experienced multiple disciplinary actions by the school, or
- you have been asked to medicate your child to improve behavior, or
- you have been asked to allow the school to test your child for a learning, emotional or behavioral disability, or
- your child has already been diagnosed with a learning, emotional or behavioral disability

*You will want to locate a qualified behavior analyst who will work closely with you and your child to achieve a successful outcome.*

## Behavior Analysts

Carefully examine the instructional practices, curriculum, and other important factors in the classroom and school to determine where to begin. When there is a concern about disruptive or problem behavior, the behavior analyst starts by assessing the possible impact of the student's learning problems and frustration. The next step is to design a written plan. Behavior analysts are careful to avoid the use of intervention fads or untested "cures."

Training and ongoing support is provided to assure the plan is consistently delivered. Frequent measures of student progress are reviewed to guide decisions about changing the instructional plan.

## How Your Behavior Analyst Will Help Your Child

- We use state-of-the art methods to assess your child's present level of performance and to examine environmental factors that may explain "why" there is a learning or behavior challenge. This is also known as Functional Behavior Assessment.
- We work with you and your child's teachers to develop an Individual Education Program or Intervention Plan. Your child's individualized plan states precisely how it will be implemented to prevent problems, to reward desired behaviors, and to teach desirable, replacement behaviors.
- We train school staff and teachers how to respond appropriately to challenging behavior and to implement the individualized plan so your child is successful in all relevant settings; we monitor your child's progress to assure the consistent implementation of the plan.
- We measure your child's response to intervention; we share these measures with you and your child's teachers to guide decisions about changing the Education or Intervention Plan.