



Toronto Autism ABA SERVICES

Toronto Autism ABA Services are funded by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and are free to children and youth with a confirmed Autism Spectrum diagnosis including Autism/Autistic Disorder, Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS), and Asperger's Disorder up to their 18th birthday. Treatment services are delivered in partnership with Surrey Place Centre, Kerry's Place Autism Services, Adventure Place, Aisling Discoveries Child and Family Centre and The Etobicoke Children's Centre.

Our goals are to assist children and youth to learn important skills through the use of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) strategies and promote success at home and in the community. Parent involvement in treatment is important to achieving these goals.



Toronto Autism ABA Services Will:

- Help children and youth with ASD develop skills in the areas of:
 - » Communication: understanding and using language for social purposes
 - » Social/Interpersonal: establishing and maintaining relationships with other people
 - » Daily Living Skills: including personal care activities, personal safety etc.
 - » Emotional/Behaviour Regulation: including preparation for group, organizational and self-calming
- Use positive and systematic approaches to teaching practical skills within natural routines, building upon what motivates and interests the child or youth
- Be offered in treatment blocks up to three months in length with weekly sessions lasting two to four hours
- Typically be delivered through group sessions with individual coaching as appropriate
- Provide education to parents/caregivers on how to apply ABA strategies which will help their children learn, maintain and generalize skills

Eligibility Criteria:

- Children and youth up to their 18th birthday
- Must have a confirmed Autism Spectrum diagnosis including Autism/Autistic Disorder, Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not Specified (PDDNOS), and Asperger's Disorder
- Must be living in the Toronto Region
- Not concurrently receiving any other ABA based services through this initiative

Treatment Programs:

Children are placed in groups following an assessment of strengths and needs and are clustered by age and gender as appropriate. Treatment groups may change over time and will be offered on varying schedules in each quadrant of Toronto based on the needs of the children and youth who are waiting for service.

For more information or to register:

Contact Surrey Place Centre at 416-925-5141 and ask to speak to the Toronto Autism ABA Services registration. Parents and caregivers can call directly, and/or a professional may assist families to make a referral.

