

LURIE CENTER



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Behavioral Consultation and Training Services

The Lurie Center is pleased to offer behavioral consultation and training services to patients and their families. Our model is informed by best practices in applied behavior analysis (ABA) and is tailored to meet the individual needs of each patient, family and environment. All services are led by our experienced Behavioral Consultant, Nicole Simon, EdM, LABA, BCBA.

Parent and Caregiver Workshops

The Lurie Center for Autism invites parents, guardians, and families to participate in our Parent and Caregiver Workshops. All workshops are held virtually and open to the public. Registration for these events is required. Reserve your spot by contacting us at LurieCenter@partners.org or 781-860-1700. Virtual meeting links will be emailed to all confirmed registrants prior to event day.

Behavior Basics - A 3-Part Series

*This three-session course is offered four times per year (Nov, Feb, May, and Aug) on consecutive Tuesdays
Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm, Cost: \$35 per session*

Designed for parents of children of all ages, this interactive workshop series helps caregivers understand the basic principles of behavior to better manage challenging behaviors at home. Discussion focuses on evidence-based applied behavior analysis (ABA) and applying this methodology to daily life. We recommend completing all three classes in sequence.

Part 1 - Intro to ABA

This introductory class provides an ABA process overview and covers important topics such as data collection, assessment, daily schedule, and proactive strategies. Workshop dates for each month will be confirmed upon registration.

Part 2 - Reinforcement and Limit Setting

In the second class, the topics of reinforcement, limit setting, and other behavioral interventions will be discussed. Workshop dates for each month will be confirmed upon registration.

Part 3 - Problem Solving ABA

The final class will focus on what to look for in an ABA program and what to do when your child is not making progress. Workshop dates for each month will be confirmed upon registration.

Safety at Home and in the Community

*This one-session class is offered four times per year (Sept, Dec, March, and June) on a Tuesday
Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm, Cost: \$35*

Challenging behaviors can lead to safety concerns for individuals with autism, their siblings, their parents, and community members. This workshop will focus on proactive strategies to address safety at home, in the car, and in the community. We will also discuss how to develop a safety plan to help manage crisis situations. Workshop dates for each month will be confirmed upon registration.

Behavioral Consultation and Observations

Ask your Lurie Center provider or Resource Specialist for a referral. Behavioral consultation is a self-pay service. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 781-860-1700

Behavioral Consultation and Training

Cost \$200 per hour

Includes face-to-face, virtual or telephone consult for any of the following: discussion of presenting concern and recommendations, parent training on ABA and program implementation, review of current behavioral programming and data, consultation with team members. Written report is an additional charge.

School/Home/Community Observations

Cost: Fee based on services

Includes: onsite observation of individual's program and/or services (minimum of two hours direct observation) at home, school and community settings, Written report including recommendations, 30-minute feedback session with parents and parent-requested team members regarding implementation of recommendations. Travel charge is additional.



Nicole Simon, EdM, LABA, BCBA

Senior Behavioral Consultant, Lurie Center for Autism

- Board Certified Behavior Analyst
- Licensed Applied Behavior Analyst, Massachusetts
- Master of Education from Harvard University Graduate School of Education specializing in Risk and Prevention

Areas of Expertise:

- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Co-occurring psychiatric illnesses
- Severe challenging behaviors
- Parent, caregiver, teacher training

Nicole Simon is a behavior analyst with over 25 years of experience using the applied behavior analysis (ABA) framework to care for children and adults with autism spectrum and related disorders, co-occurring mental health conditions and severe challenging behaviors in home, school, residential, hospital and community settings.

Ms. Simon utilizes a thoughtful and collaborative approach in her work that is respectful to the individual, the family and all collateral service providers. She promotes the highest quality of life for the individuals she serves in a learning environment that is therapeutic and safe. Ms. Simon has a passion for helping others to understand the ABA framework and how it can be useful for a wide variety of individuals.

Ms. Simon offers ABA consultation services to families and programs on a wide range of topics that include addressing interfering behavior, assisting with daily routines, and improving adaptive skills. She evaluates an individual's need for ABA services as well as the quality of existing ABA services. Ms. Simon understands the challenges of implementing an ABA program and, therefore, strives to develop realistic recommendations for each setting.