

Behavioral Consultation and Training Services

The Lurie Center for Autism offers behavioral consultation and training services for schools, clinics, residential programs, and other professional service organizations. Our care model is informed by best practices in applied behavior analysis (ABA) and is tailored to meet the individual's or program's needs.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND STAFF TRAININGS

The Lurie Center for Autism provides trainings to help professionals further develop their skills, knowledge and understanding of autism and ABA. Our goal is to help professional staff respond effectively to various behaviors and situations in residential settings, schools, and clinics. Workshop topics can be customized to meet your organization's needs.

- **FLEXIBLE APPLICATION OF ABA TO MEET YOUR CLIENTS' NEEDS:** This class provides a brief overview of ABA and focuses on how to apply this science to improve the lives of people of all ages, with and without autism.
- **REINFORCEMENT AND LIMIT SETTING:** This class provides tips to help front line staff create meaningful reinforcement programs and effectively set limits.
- **SAFETY IN THE CLINIC:** This class offers practical strategies that a clinic can adopt to create a safer experience for autistic patients, their families, and clinic staff.
- **SHOW ME THE DATA!:** Data should drive decision making in clinical and educational settings. However, this is often not the case. This class focuses on realistic data collection methods that capture the most important information around a variety of behavioral goals.
- **ASSENT-BASED LEARNING AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE, MOVING BEYOND COMPLIANCE IN ABA:** This class discusses how to shift the focus from traditional compliance-based ABA procedures to gaining approval from and appropriately supporting the learner across all aspects of programming.
- **SELF-INJURIOUS BEHAVIOR (SIB) IN AUTISM:** This class covers what we know about SIB from a research and treatment standpoint, including how to think about the use of protective equipment within the context of broader behavioral supports.

BCBA Mentorship

The Lurie Center for Autism offers BCBA mentoring services for newly certified BCBAs as well as BCBAs seeking to expand their skill set. Sample topics include developing an effective behavior support plan, functional behavioral assessment, VB-MAPP implementation, data collection and analysis, reinforcement programs, skill development, and safety and emergency planning. Mentoring sessions are 60-minutes in length and conducted virtually.

Professional Consultation

The Lurie Center for Autism provides behavioral consultation to schools, clinics, day programs, and residential and in-home program teams. Our goal is to collaborate with existing teams and offer realistic recommendations. More frequent interim consultation can be offered during times of crisis and when there are clinician/staffing shortages.

Call us at  781-860-1700 or email  luriecenter@mgb.org to learn more.

BEHAVIORAL CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR FAMILIES

Families often feel overwhelmed by the daily challenges of raising a child with autism. The Lurie Center for Autism offers compassionate guidance through direct consultation services for child and adult patients and their families. Behavioral consultation with Ms. Simon is a collaborative process and is designed to help families, caregivers, and the care team consider new approaches and strategies to support the individual.

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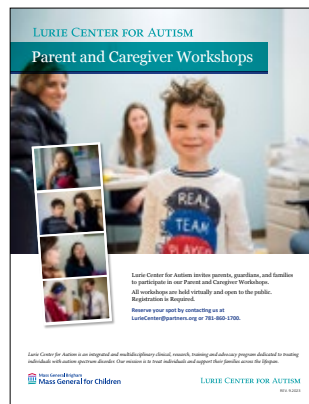
Includes in-person, virtual or telephone consultation to discuss a presenting concern and provide recommendations, provide training on ABA and program implementation, and review current behavioral programming and data with care team members.

Behavioral Observations

Includes onsite observation of an individual's program and/or services at home, school, and community settings.

Parent and Caregiver Workshops

The Lurie Center for Autism offers an array of behavior management workshops for parents and caregivers of autistic children and adults. These interactive workshops are uniquely designed to teach families the basic principles of behavior and to provide proactive strategies to safely manage challenging behaviors at home and in the community. Find our workshop descriptions and schedules online or [here](#).



FEEDBACK FROM PARENT TRAININGS

"Nicole is an excellent facilitator, great energy, sensitive, great use of humor"

"It feels empowering to have the skills and knowledge to support my child"

MEET OUR SENIOR BEHAVIORAL CONSULTANT



NICOLE SIMON, EDM, LABA, BCBA
SENIOR BEHAVIORAL CONSULTANT,
LURIE CENTER FOR AUTISM

- Board Certified Behavior Analyst
- Licensed Applied Behavior Analyst
- Master of Education, Harvard University Graduate School of Education

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 disorder, related disorders, co-occurring mental health conditions, and severe challenging behaviors in home, school, residential, hospital and community settings. Ms. Simon is practical in her approach, as well as thoughtful, compassionate, and collaborative.

The Lurie Center for Autism is an integrated and multidisciplinary clinical, research, training and advocacy program dedicated to treating individuals with autism spectrum disorder. Our mission is to treat individuals and support their families across the lifespan.