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A GUIDE FOR PARENTS & PROVIDERS

#### UNIV Center for AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders (UNLV CASD) is to

- (1) Provide training in evidence-based practices to family members and professionals
- (2) Research best practices in interventions and assessment
- (3) Actively engage community stakeholders

UNLV CASD is proud to be a member of the southern Nevada autism community.



#### The Mission of F.E.A.T.

Our mission is to provide information on treatment resources for families with children diagnosed with autism, autism spectrum disorder (ASD), and related disorders. We provide support, encouragement, and guidance to parents and create an opportunity for them to benefit from contact with other parents with similar needs and concerns.

#### Purpose of our Resource guide:

This resource guide was designed to help parents identify and select services for their children with an autism spectrum disorder. We have provided an overview of the findings from the NPDC for Autism's 2014 Report as a starting point for making informed treatment choices based upon scientific evidence.

#### Disclaimer:

The UNLV Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders Resource Guide was developed to provide information and does not recommend, endorse, guarantee, or promote the service providers included in this guide.

Although we made a concerted effort to identify local resources, we recognize that this list is not exhaustive.

If you would like to be listed in future editions of this resource guide, contact: 702 895-5836 or autism1@unlv.nevada.edu 702-368-FEAT or info@featsonv.org

#### Acknowledgments:

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#### What is Autism Spectrum Disorder?

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a range of developmental disabilities that cause impairments in multiple areas of development and typically appear within the first 3 years of life. ASD is the result of a complex neurological disorder that affects brain function. The core areas of impairment include **Social Communication and Behavior**.

Current DSM-5 criteria now merges previously independent diagnoses of Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Disorder, and Pervasive Developmental Disorder – Not Otherwise Specified, into a single subtype, Autism Spectrum Disorder.

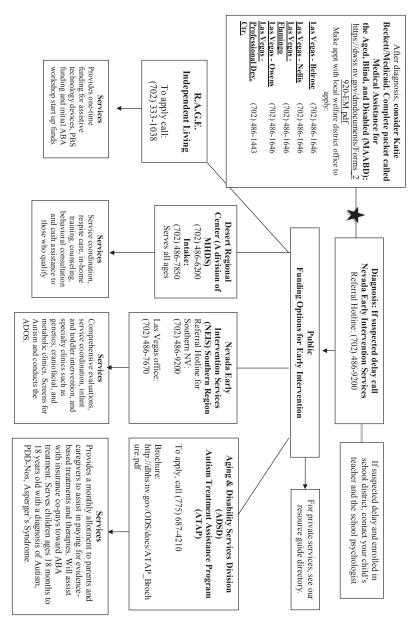
An individual's severity along the autism spectrum is now described according to the amount of required support, as opposed to differential diagnoses such as Asperger's Disorder.

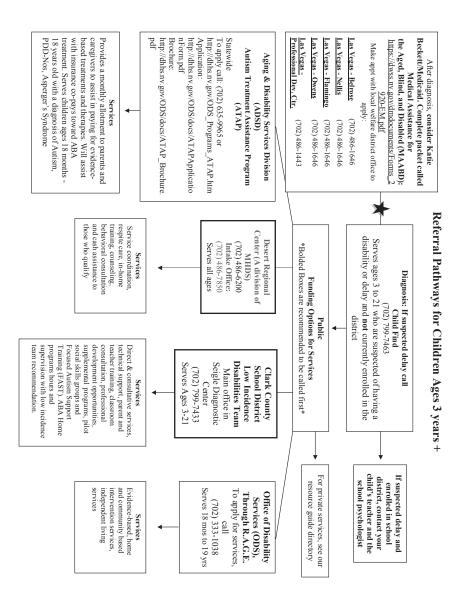
Currently, 1 in 68 children will be diagnosed with ASD (CDC, 2016)

No two persons with ASD are alike; each has unique strengths and weaknesses. All individuals with ASD exhibit different levels of social and behavioral challenges.

| Examples of Impairment   |  |  |
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| Social Communication   | Restrictive, Repetitive Behavior   |  |
| <ul> <li>Lack of social- emotional<br/>reciprocity</li> </ul>  | Repetitive or stereotyped     movements and/or speech  |  |
| <ul> <li>Difficulties using or understanding<br/>nonverbal cues such as gestures,<br/>facial expressions, body language</li> </ul> | Preoccupation with interest that     is abnormally intense or focused  |  |
| <ul> <li>Difficulties developing,<br/>maintaining, and understanding<br/>relationships</li> </ul>                                  | <ul> <li>Inflexible adherence to routine</li> <li>Hyper- or Hyporeactivity to<br/>sensory input, or unusual<br/>interests in sensory aspects of<br/>environment</li> </ul> |  |

Source: American Psychiatric Association (2013), Center for Disease Control (2016)





#### Legislation that Impacts Individuals with ASD

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is the federal law that governs special education programs.

Major components of the law are:

- Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)
- Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)
- Appropriate Assessments
- Individualized Education Program
- Emphasizes the Role of the Parents
- Related Services

Autism is 1 of 14 disability categories which qualifies students to receive educational services.

*IDEA* is comprised of parts A, B, C, and D. Parts B and C govern the services of children with disabilities. Part B of *IDEA* outlines the regulations that address the needs of children age 3-21 (school age children) who have qualifying disabilities. Part C of *IDEA* outlines the regulations that address the needs of children age 0-3 who have qualifying disabilities or who have a diagnostic condition that places them "at risk□ for future or substantial delay. Goals of Part C are to enhance the development of infants and toddlers with disabilities thus minimizing potential for delay, and enhance the capacity of families to meet the special needs of these children.

| Part B  | Part C   |
|---|--|
| <ul> <li>Children Age 3-21</li> <li>Children may qualify in 14 disability categories.</li> <li>Individual Education Plan (IEP)</li> <li>Teacher, family, or professional referral for<br/>evaluation</li> <li>Educational eligibility is different than medical<br/>diagnosis.</li> <li>Disability must impede ability in the<br/>educational setting.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Children Age 0-3</li> <li>Children who experience developmental delays</li> <li>Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)</li> <li>Child Find</li> <li>Risk of Autism Spectrum Disorder usually qualifies student as a developmental delay</li> </ul> |

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is the federal anti-discriminatory law which governs accommodations for students who have a disability but are not eligible for educational services under *IDEA*. A child who has trouble learning may not be found eligible for special education services, but may need accommodations to succeed in the educational setting. This law was designed to implement regulations that will appropriately accommodate students'needs and conditions as adequately as the needs of students without disabilities.

Source: OSEP, 2010

#### What is Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)?

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) uses the science of learning to create socially significant behavior change. It is a practical and adaptable approach to helping individuals learn new skills and manage challenging behaviors to live happier and fuller lives. ABA works by identifying the environmental variables that affect behavior and changing them to support that desired, target behaviors. It is based on many decades of research. It is used in educational, therapeutic, community, family, and employment settings all over the world.

#### FAQs on ABA

#### Is ABA only for individuals with ASD?

No! The teaching and intervention strategies of ABA are effective with everyone. ABA is used in many fields, including education, environmental sustainability, addictions, brain injury and stroke, organizational behavior management, and many other areas.

#### Will ABA make my child behave like a robot?

The goal of ABA is help individuals learn new skills to lead happier, more fulfilling lives. The goal is not to teach children to act like robots or to be overly dependent on adults.

#### Are all ABA programs the same?

No! ABA is a rich science with many options and focuses on customized supports. ABA programs can look very different depending on who runs them and where the program is implemented. ABA for a 3 year old at home will look very different from ABA for a 21 year old on the job. Even then, there is no single way to do ABA with any child or in any particular setting. Input from families regarding their needs and values is critical to making an ABA program successful.

#### Does ABA mean that it is all about bribes and punishment?

Definitely NOT! Bribes are things given to persuade someone to act illegally or dishonestly. ABA does not use bribes! The ABA provider will design a plan that encourages new, appropriate behaviors to happen more and discourages challenging behaviors by making them less rewarding or effective. We can reduce a challenging behavior most successfully when we have a new, appropriate behavior to replace it.

#### How do I know ABA will be effective?

ABA is a data-driven science. That means that every aspect of the program is tracked and measured objectively. Progress can take time, but every provider should be able to share on-going data on your child's progress. Ask to see the data. Ask them to explain all details. Ask them to explain what they are looking for, when they know progress is happening, and how to tell if progress is not happening. Everyone in ABA loves to talk about data!

# AUTISM ABA THERAPY

CHIEVABL

We specialize in providing our clients with applied verbal behavior therapy and positive behavioral supports. Staff include Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA's) that strictly adhere to the principles of applied behavior analysis (ABA) in achieving transformational results for adults and children with autism, intellectual disabilities, and/or developmental disabilities. We foster development through proven ABA programs empirically validated by research. Achievable Behavior Strategies (ABS) provides clinic, school, and home-based therapy. Contact us today to learn how ABA therapy will make a difference in your life.

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- Autism
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- ADL Skill Instruction
- Challenging Behavior
- Functional Assessment
- Positive Behavior Support
- Developmental Disabilities
- Corporate Presentations
- Verbal Behavior Therapy
- Language Assessment
- Social Skills Training
- Data Collection
- Potty Training

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#### Advocacy/Legal

#### Adams Esq

702-289-4143 or 1-800-785-6713 www.adamesq.com oaklandadmin@adamsesq.com 703 S 8th Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101 Provide high quality legal services without any cost to those parents that qualify and have children with disability. Focus exclusively in special education law. Also provide free workshops and seminars for parents and students. Bilingual services.

#### Advocate 4 Kids, LLC

Cheryl Jung Special Education Advocate 702-433-7563 Cel: 702-203-7563 Fax: 702-433-7563 jungcheryl@aol.com Facebook: Advocate 4 Kids

#### Autism Coalition of Nevada

775-329-2268 www.aconv.org 1790 Vassar Street, Reno, NV 89502 Ensure services are available and keep public informed of progress. Unite all affected by Autism, advocacy organizations, political affiliates/Legislators, and service providers across the country.

#### **ELM Educational Consultants LLC**

Dr. Leslie Strasser Murdock/Marti Ford 6817 S. Eastern Avenue Suite 101 Las Vegas NV 89119 702-509-1797 Email: Imurdock@elmedconsulting.com Website: elmedconsulting.com

#### FEAT of Southern Nevada

(Families for Effective Autism Treatment) 702-368-3328 www.featsonv.org 7055 Windy St, Suite B Las Vegas, NV 89119 To provide information on treatment resources. We provide support, encouragement, and guidance and networking opportunities.

#### **Ivie Law Groups LLC**

702-848-3948 Htpp://ivielawgroupnv.com/ 7455 Arroyo Crossing Pkwy, Suite 220 Las Vegas, NV 89113 Legal representation for families in all matters involving special education.

#### Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada

702-386-1070, Option 5 www.lacsn.org 725 E. Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89104 Special education advocate, educational surrogate and parent program coordinator. Free legal classes offered.

#### Marianne Lanuti

194 Inveraray Ct. Henderson, NV 89074 702-501-1147 Email: MLanuti@NVKidsLaw.com Website: www.nvkidslaw.com Represents clients pursuant to IDEA (Special Education)

#### Matthew Schneider, Attorney at Law

1930 Village Center Circle #3-279 Las Vegas, NV 89134 Office (702) 274-0854 Fax (702) 991-7256 email: Matthew@Schneider-Law.com www.schneider-law.com

#### Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center

702-257-8150 www.ndalc.org 2820 W. Charleston Blvd, Suite 11 Las Vegas, NV 89102 NDALC provides services statewide to promote and advocate for the human and legal rights, interests and welfare of Nevadans with disabilities.

#### Nevada PEP

702-388-8899 www.nvpep.org 7211 W. Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89117 Increase opportunities for home, community, and school success for children with disabilities including serious emotional disturbances. Nevada statewide parent training and information center.

#### **Adult Services**

#### Aspergers Training, Employment, & Life Skills

702-672-0699 avlsanv@aol.com 6525 W. Warm Springs Rd, Suite #100 Las Vegas, NV 89118 A non-profit organization created to provide work related services to adults with Asperger's Syndrome and other high functioning disabilities. Helps provide adults with job skills, resources and support they need to prepare

#### **Campbell Center for Autism LLC**

for, find and maintain competitive employment.

7530 W. Sahara Ave. Suite 104 Las Vegas, NV 89117 702 260-2360 www.campbellcenterforautism.com We provide one on one instruction, social skills groups, and IEP consultation for ages four through adulthood.

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702-485-6705 4525 W. Spring Mountain Rd, Suite 110 Las Vegas, NV 89102 Provide ABA services for individuals with developmental disabilities and challenging behaviors. Extensive experiences with children with autism as well as language based programs.

#### Camp Sam USA

702-303-3899 http://campsamusa.org/?page\_id=21 Email: info@campsamusa.org To provide a specialized, memorable experience filled with adventure, fitness, educational and fun experiences for adults with cognitive and physical disabilities; as well as a "vacation" for their families and caretakers.

#### **Desert Regional Center**

702-486-6200 702-486-7850 adsd.nv.gov 1391 S Jones Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89146 The mission of Aging and Disability Services Division is to ensure the provision of effective supports and services to meet the needs of individuals and families, helping them lead independent, meaningful and dignified lives.

#### Dodge Slagle, DO

702-454-0201 1090 Wigwam Parkway, Henderson, NV 89074 Psychiatric evaluation and treatment of mood and behavioral issues.

#### Family TIES of Nevada

702-740-4200 www.familytiesnv.org 6130 Elton Ave, Suite #100 Las Vegas, NV 89107 Provides no cost support, information and referral services for individuals with special health care needs and/or disabilities, through one-to-one assistance to help them navigate complex health care and insurance systems.

#### Goodfriends

702-286-8114 (Nora Lonnquist) www.meetup.com/LasVegas-Goodfriends/ To provide friendship, support and fun to high functioning adults in the Las Vegas/Henderson area who are on the autism spectrum, have ADD or other learning disabilities.

#### Henderson Speech, Hearing and Language Center

702-733-8255 www.hendersonspeech.com 8540 S Eastern Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89123 We are committed to helping each individual client reach their maximum potential through a full range of high-quality services: speech, occupational therapy and reading.

#### Next Level Connections

702-856-4327 nextlevelconnections.org 1980 Festival Plaza Dr, Suite 300 Las Vegas, NV 89135 NLC is an ABA service provider that systematically delivers individualized social skills programming to adolescents and young adults with autism.

#### **Opportunity Village**

702-259-3707 www.opportunityvillage.org 6300 W. Oakey Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89146 Vocational training, employment, and social recreation for people with intellectual disabilities.

#### NewVista/ Destination Recovery

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Considered a respite program, Destination Discovery improves the health and happiness of individuals with disabilities by providing healthy activities and interaction with the community while providing respite to their primary caregivers. Destination Discovery offers local group outings, overnight trips, and even week-long excursions. We believe in peer experiences, educational, and fun opportunities in many different settings. This allows supported individuals to build friendships and lifelong relationships as a way to be included in their community.

#### SFS Therapies

702-979-4268 sfstx.com 7030 Smoke Ranch Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89128 We provide meaningful and relevant therapies to both children and adults with varying diagnosis including Autism. Hablamos Espanol.

#### The PRACTICE: A UNLV Community

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#### Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)/Behavior Therapy

#### ABA Institute, LLC

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#### Achievable Behavior Strategies, LLC

Address: 9163 W Flamingo Rd. Ste. 100 Las Vegas, NV 89147 Phone: 702-565-0056 Fax: N/A Insurance Accepted: Private (Tricare, Anthem, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Value Option, and Cigna) and ATAP Wait List: No Website: www.bxtherapy.com Email: Justin@bxtherapy.com Serves Hispanic families through interpreters provided by the family

#### Adrianna Wechsler Zimring, Ed.M., Ph.D.

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#### Autism Building Blocks

702-813-3437 abbschedule@gmail.com (email) www.autismbuildingblocks.com 7055 Windy Street, Suite B, Las Vegas, NV 89119 We provide Applied Behavior Analysis therapy using Skinner's Verbal Behavior method tailoring communication and behavior modification strategies to the needs of the individual.

#### Autism & Behavioral Consulting Services, LLC

Physical Address: 6600 W Charleston Blvd #119, Las Vegas, NV 89146 Mailing Address: 5575 Simmons St, #1-491N, Las Vegas, NV 89031 Phone: 702-283-6215 Fax: 888-588-6164 Insurance Accepted: ATAP and Private (HPN, Tricare and MGM Insurance) Wait List: 6 months Website: www.abcservices.co Serves Hispanic families through Bilingual Staff & Interpreters

#### Autism Care West

2027 E Windmill Ln., Las Vegas, NV 89123 Phone: 702-326-5996 Insurance Accepted: Private (Anthem, Aetna, Loomis and Tricare) and ATAP Wait List: 3 months Website: www.autismcarewest.com Serves Hispanic families through Interpreters

#### **Behavioral Learning Solutions**

2850 W Horizon Ridge Parkway, Henderson, NV 89052 Phone: 702-610-2076 Insurance Accepted: Private (Aetna); ATAP, Medicaid. Waiting for Tricare, HPN and DRC/Palco Wait List: N/A Website: www.blsolutionsaba.org Email: blsolutionsaba@yahoo.com Only serves English speaking families

#### **Browning Psychological Services**

Phone: 702-410-8400 Option # 1

#### Campbell Center for Autism (formerly P.A.L.S)

7530 W Sahara Avenue Ste. 104 Las Vegas, NV 89117 Phone: 702-260-2360 Insurance Accepted: Tricare only. ATAP and DRC. Cash Clients Wait List: 3-6 months Website: www.campbellcenterforautism.com Email: jcampbell@campbellcenterforautism.com Serves only English speaking families

#### Carpe Diem

4525 W Spring Mountain Rd. Ste. 110 Las Vegas, NV 89102 Phone: 702-485-6705 Insurance Accepted: Medicaid Wait List: N/A Website: N/A Serves Hispanic families through Bilingual Staff

#### C. Philip Colosimo, Ph.D.

Phone: 702-384-7433 501 S. Rancho, Suite C-14, Las Vegas, NV 89106 Provides diagnostic, recommendations, and treatment for ASD, parental education, and educational resources.

#### Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)

702-778-4500 henderson.centerforautism.com 74 N. Pecos Rd, Suite C, Henderson, NV 89074 Using evidence-based principals of ABA, CARD creates individualized treatment plans with goals tailored to each individual's specific needs, helping them reach their maximum potential.

#### Crescent Academy, Inc.

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630 S Rancho Dr. Ste. A Las Vegas, NV 89106 Phone: 702-564-2453 Fax: 702-527-5353 Insurance Accepted: Private and Medicaid Wait List: N/A Website: http://grantagiftfoundation.org Serves Hispanic families through bilingual staff

#### Goals for Autism, Inc.

3909 S Maryland Parkway Ste. 311 Las Vegas, NV 89119 Phone: 888-531-8385 Option # 9 Fax: 925-264-1902 Insurance Accepted: Medicaid and Private Wait List: About100 Kids Website: www.goalsforautism.com Serves Hispanic families through Interpreters

#### Julie F. Beasley, Ph.D. Child Neuropsychologist Grant a Gift Foundation

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#### Karen L. Cruey M.D.

702-247-1703 www.karencrueymd.com 2340 Paseo Del Prado, Suite D-303, Las Vegas, NV 89102 Psychiatric medicine for children, adults and adolescents.

#### Life Bridge Kids

702-765-4965 www.lifebridgekids.com 9402 W. Lake Mead Blvd.,Las Vegas, NV 89134 A direct care psychiatric practice dedicated to helping children, adolescents and their families manage mental, emotional and behavioral disorders.

#### Mojave Adult, Child, And Family Services

702-253-0818 www.mojave.org 6375 W. Charleston, Suite A100, Las Vegas, NV 89146 Serves adults having psychiatric disabilities, including those diagnosed with ASD and/or intellectual disabilities, children having serious emotional disturbances. Individuals must have fee or services Medicaid.

#### Nevada Early Intervention Services

702-486-9200 (referral line) 702-486-7670 (main line) http://health.nv.gov/BEIS.htm

1161 South Valley View Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89102 Provide support and services to families with children who have been identified with developmental delays (birth-three years old).

#### Nevada Children's Center

702-736-8100 www.nccenter.org 5615 S. Pecos Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89120 Provide social services for children who have been abused, neglected, or have disabilities. Services include aqua therapy and group therapy.

#### Next Level Connections -Karen Harden

1980 Festival Plaza Dr. Ste. 300, Las Vegas, NV 89135 Phone: 702-856-4327 Insurance Accepted: Cash Only at this moment. Soon Medicaid Recipients Wait List: N/A Website: http://www.nextlevelconnections.org Email: info@nextlevelconnections.org Only Serves English Speaking Families

#### **Our Little World Treatment Center**

702-376-2838 ourlittleworldtxcenter.webs.com 12231 S. Eastern Ave, Suite 140 Henderson, NV 89052 We specialize in ASD and related disorders; we provide behavioral, PT, ABA therapy, psychological testing, psychosocial rehabilitation and basic skills training for children 18 months, adults and seniors.

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We will give your child with Autism the skills he or she needs to lead a happier and healthier life! We will help your child with Autism talk better, learn better, respond appropriately to other people, have fewer melt-downs, interact better with family and friends, overcome sensory processing problems, have better safety awareness, eat better, independently complete self-care skills (like bathing, washing hair, brushing teeth, dressing, and getting ready for school), and most importantly lead a happier and more fulfilling life.

www.MLFchildrensTherapy.com or call: 702-360-1137

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#### Positive Behavior Support of Nevada

775-682-9049 http://nevadapbis.org/ 1664 N. Virginia, Suite MS 285, Reno, NV 89557 PBS-NV is a statewide program that trains and assists families, agencies and schools to support individuals with disabilities and/or challenging behaviors.

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#### Puzzle Pieces Autism and Behavioral Services, LLC

6628 Sky Pointe Dr. Ste. 114, Las Vegas, NV 89131 Phone: 702-704-5112 Fax: 866-633-9254 Insurance Accepted: Private (Aetna, Cigna, Optum/ Tricare, Teacher Trust/ Human Behavior Institute and Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield) and ATAP Wait List: Up to 9 months www.puzzlepiecesnv.com Email: jsummers@puzzlepiecesnv.com Serves Hispanic Families though bilingual staff

#### Rachel E. Davis, Ph.D. PC

702-776-8990 drracheldavis.com 7341 W. Charleston Blvd, Suite 140 Las Vegas, NV 89117 Provides assessment and therapy for ages 12 months through 18 years old. Fee for Service Medicaid; out of pocket fee based on sliding scale.

#### Sage Health Services

3130 S Durango Dt. Ste. 400, Las Vegas, NV 89117 Phone: 702-319-1555 Fax: N/A Insurance Accepted: Medicaid and United Health Care Wait List: N/A Website: www.sagehealthservices.com Email: info@sagehealthservices.com Serves Hispanic Families through biingual staff Also offers services in Fallon, Reno and Silver Springs

#### Southwest Autism Behavioral Solutions

2700 E Sunset Rd. Ste. 24 Las Vegas, NV 89120 Phone: 702-270-3219 Fax: N/A Insurance Accepted: N/A Wait List: N/A Website: www.swbehavior.com

#### Sport-Social

702-485-5515 www.lasvegasautism.com 7055 Windy St, Las Vegas, NV 89119 Adaptive sports and appropriate social/emotional interaction. Sports include skateboard, bike, scooter, basketball, soccer, and more! Social/emotional skills include peer connections, being cool, working together, independence, motivations and more!

#### **Summit Autism Services**

848 N Rainbow Blvd. # 2717 Las Vegas, NV 89107 Phone: 888-505-1637 Fax: N/A Insurance Accepted: Cash Only Website: www.summitautism.com Email: info@summitautism.com Only serves English speaking families

#### Tandem Therapy Services/Chris Holcomb Ph.D., CCC-SLP, BCBA-D, LBA

702-396-0101 www.tandemtherapyservices.com 7261 W. Charleston Blvd, Suite 101 Las Vegas, NV 89117 To improve the quality of life for children and their families. Through proven methods and achieving goals with dedication, Tandem Therapy Services works together to provide positive and generalized outcomes for our clients and our families.

#### The Lovaas Center for Behavior Intervention

702-877-2520 www.lovaascenter.com 5550 W. Flamingo Rd, Suite C-5, Las Vegas, NV Consultants from the LOVAAS Center design and implement a home based treatment plan for children on the autism spectrum using techniques of applied behavior analysis. Takes most insurances and ATAP.

#### The PRACTICE: A UNLV Community

Mental Health Clinic 702-895-1532 http://www.unlv.edu/thepractice 4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Box 453033 Las Vegas, NV 89154 Physical Location: The UNLV Campus in the William D. Carlson Education Building (CEB) Room 226 A community mental health clinic offering sliding scale individual & group psychotherapy & psychological assessment.

#### Touro University Nevada Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities

702-777-4808 www.tun.touro.edu 874 American Pacific Dr., Henderson, NV 89014 Comprehensive multidisciplinary center offering neuropsychological evaluations, occupational therapy, applied behavior analysis, speech and language therapy.

#### Dentistry

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#### **Dentistry for Children**

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#### Tender Dental

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#### Summerlin Pediatric Dentistry

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#### Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)

702-778-4500

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74 N. Pecos Rd, Suite C, Henderson, NV 89074 Using evidence-based principals of ABA, CARD creates individualized treatment plans with goals tailored to each individual's specific needs, helping them reach their maximum potential.

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702-895-1532 http://www.unlv.edu/thepractice 4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Box 453033 Las Vegas, NV 89154 Physical Location: The UNLV Campus in the William D. Carlson Education Building (CEB) Room 226 A community mental health clinic offering sliding scale individual and group psychotherapy and psychological assessment services. University faculty experts in clinical and school psychology and mental health counseling train and supervise advanced graduate students to provide high-quality mental and behavioral health care.

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702-672-0699 avlsanv@aol.com (email) 6525 W. Warm Springs Rd, Suite #100 Las Vegas, NV 89118 A non-profit organization created to provide work related services to adults with Asperger's Syndrome and other high functioning disabilities. Helps provide adults with job skills, resources and support they need to prepare for, find and maintain competitive employment.

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702-240-3961 huntingtonhelps.com 7565 W. Washington Ave, Suite #104 Las Vegas, NV 89128 K-12 Tutoring and Learning Center. Individualized programs for students of many abilities, including ASD/ ADD teaching strategies. Proven results in academic skills, subject tutoring, and test prep.

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702-856-4327 nextlevelconnections.org 1980 Festival Plaza Dr, Suite 300 Las Vegas, NV 89135 NLC is an ABA service provider that systematically delivers individualized social skills programming to adolescents and young adults with autism.

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1-888-288-4762 www.autismspeaks.org Connect family to resources, provide tools kits, educational awareness information.

#### Azulblue United by Autism

702-586-0737 www.azulblue.org info@azulblue.org (email) Provide support to families through activities such as workshops, teen groups, soccer camp, conferences, ladies breakfast, dads support and guide references. Se habla espanol.

#### **Campbell Center for Autism LLC**

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#### 702-822-2268

www.bestbuddies.org/nevada

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#### FEAT of Southern Nevada

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#### Goodfriends

702-286-8114 (Nora Lonnquist) www.meetup.com/LasVegas-Goodfriends/ To provide friendship, support and fun to high functioning adults in the Las Vegas/Henderson area who are on the autism spectrum, have ADD or other learning disabilities.

### Grant a Gift Autism Foundation in Collaboration with the UNLV School of Medicine

702-564-2453 www.grantagiftfoundation.org 630 S. Rancho Dr, Suite A, Las Vegas, NV 89106 Non-profit agency helping individuals 0-22 with neurodevelopmental conditions. Services include: Diagnostic, Navigation, Scholarships, ABA/Speech/Social/ Vocational Therapy, Early Start Denver Model, Parent Training, Support Groups, Pediatrics, Genetics, and more.

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## SpectrumConnects

702-907-2864 www.spectrumconnects.org 7055 Windy Street, Las Vegas, NV 89119 We help kids on the autism spectrum meet other ASD kids with similar interests and abilities to develop lasting friendships. It's like match.com for making friends.

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702-289-7270 www.tacanow.org https://www.facebook.com/tacanevada/ Our mission is to speed up the cycle time between diagnosis and finding effective treatment so that every child can reach their best outcome. Our group is families affected supporting other families affected. "Once you find TACA, you're never alone"

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#### Social Security

1-800-772-1213 https://www.ssa.gov/ SSI: Supplemental Security Income (SSI) pays benefits to disabled adults and children with limited income and resources. https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10026.pdf https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-eligibility-ussi.htm https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-child-ussi.htm

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Katie Beckett Applications for Medicaid coverage would be submitted to the welfare office locate at Craig Branch: 3223 W Craig Rd. Ste. 140, N Las Vegas, NV 89032.

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For more information visit SpectrumConnects.org or call (702) 907-2864

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#### **Additional Therapies Services**

## Julie F. Beasley, Ph.D. Child Neuropsychologist Grant a Gift Foundation

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## The PRACTICE: A UNLV Community Mental Health Clinic

702-895-1532 http://www.unlv.edu/thepractice 4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Box 453033 Las Vegas, NV 89154 Physical Location: The UNLV Campus in the William D. Carlson Education Building (CEB) Room 226 A community mental health clinic offering sliding scale individual and group psychotherapy and psychological assessment services. University faculty experts in clinical and school psychology and mental health counseling train and supervise advanced graduate students to provide high-quality mental and behavioral health care. Academic Interventions - the use of traditional teaching methods to improve academic performance.

Adapted Physical Education (APE) – a program that provides instruction to meet individual student needs in the development of motor skills, physical fitness, and self-image.

Advocate – a person that works for the rights and needed services of a disabled individual. That person can be the parent, guardian, or a professional.

Antecedent Based Intervention\* -Modification of situational events that typically precede the occurrence of a target behavior.

Assessment – an assessment provides an accurate and thorough understanding of a child's strengths and weaknesses. There are several tests used to determine cognition/developmental levels, social and emotional skills, sensory regulation, motor skills, behavior, play/leisure activities, pre-academic/academic skills, self-help, independent living skills, pre-vocational/ vocational skills, and community based skills. The results of the assessment are integrated into the IFSP and IEP.

Assessment Team – a team that gathers information for decision-making. In addition to parents, this team can include a Psychologist, Speech Therapist, Adapted Physical Education Specialist, Nurse, Family Facilitator, Teacher and Administrator.

Auditory Integration Training - the presentation of modulated sounds through headphones in an attempt to retrain an individual's auditory system.

Augmentative & Alternative Communication Device - use of a high or low tech device to assist with communication.

**Behavioral Package** - Interventions designed to reduce problem behavior and teach functional alternative behaviors or skills through the application of basic principles of behavior change.

**Case Manager** – the primary person responsible for coordinating a child's services; works in partnership with the family and providers of special programs.

Child Find - A federal program that requires states to actively identify children, birth to age 21, with developmental disabilities or who are at risk for developmental disabilities, focusing on individuals not enrolled in school programs.

**Cognitive/Cognition** – term that describes the mental process people use for remembering, reasoning, understanding, and using judgment.

Cognitive Behavioral Intervention\* -Instruction on management or control of thoughts that lead to changes in behavior

Comprehensive Behavioral Treatment for Young Children - a combination of applied behavior analytic procedures that are delivered to young children.

**Curriculum** – a master teaching plan in which the specific features reflect the skills, tasks, and behaviors that a school or program has decided are important for children to acquire.

Developmental Relationship-based Treatment - a combination of procedures based on developmental theory and emphasize the importance of building social relationships (e.g. the Denver Model, Relationship Development Intervention, Responsive Teaching).

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, 5th edition (DSM-V) – Most recent version of the American Psychological Association's classification and description of all mental health disorders for children and adults.

**Differential reinforcement**\* – providing a desirable consequence only for an appropriate replacement behavior and withholding a consequence for an undesired behavior that results in a reduction

- Discrete Trial Training\* specific training procedures based on principles of applied behavior analysis that simplify learning into small segments that a child can more easily master. This form of therapy can be beneficial in eliminating unwanted behaviors as well as encouraging positive behaviors.
- **Due Process** a legal statement that certain principles and practices exist and must be respected in order to ensure that each child is treated in a manner that guarantees his/her rights to equal education opportunities.
- Early Intervention program or services designed to identify and treat a developmental problem as early as possible, usually before the age of 3.
- **Echolalia** the immediate or delayed involuntary repetition of words or phrases just spoken by others.
- **Evaluation** a way of collecting information about a student's learning needs, strengths, and interests. An evaluation is part of the process of determining whether a student qualifies for special education programs and services.
- **Exercise Intervention**\* involves increasing physical exertion as a means of reducing problem behaviors and increasing appropriate behaviors.
- **Exposure Package** increasingly exposing an individual with ASD to anxietyprovoking situations and preventing the use of maladaptive strategies.
- Expressive Language what is said or written to communicate an idea or a question.
- **Extinction\*** withdrawal or removal of a consequence that maintains a challenging behavior that results in its reduction. Typically used with differential reinforcement, functional behavior assessment, and/or functional communication training.
- Facilitated Communication involves having a facilitator support the arm/ hand of an individual with limited communication skills as they use a communication board or typing device.

- Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) - Federal law that protects the privacy and transfer of student education records.
- Fine Motor in physical development, the use of the small muscles of the body, especially the hands and fingers.
- Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA)\*
   process for collecting data on the child's behaviors and the environment in order to determine the possible causes of the problem behavior and to identify specific strategies to address those behaviors.
- Functional Communication Training (FCT)\* – Teaching an individual to use an appropriate communicative behavior that serves the same purpose as the challenging behavior. Typically used with functional behavior assessment, extinction, and differential reinforcement.
- Gluten- and Casein-Free Diet the elimination of one's intake of naturally occurring proteins gluten and casein.
- **Gross Motor** in physical development, the use of the large muscles of the body for activities such as running, climbing, throwing and jumping.
- Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA) - Federal regulation outlining the confidentiality and protection of medical records.
- Home Visit the visit of an intervention staff member to a child's home to talk with the parents about their child's school progress, IEP, demonstrate activities and share ideas and materials.
- **Imitation-based Interaction** relies on adults imitating the actions of the individual with ASD.
- Inclusion the placement of students with disabilities in classrooms with typically developing students of the same age. Full inclusion has two central features: moving students with disabilities into regular education classrooms and sending special education support services into those same classrooms.

Individualized Education Program (IEP)

– an IEP outlines your child's unique education plan by defining broad goals and specific objectives for the school year, the services needed to implement those goals and objectives, and a method of evaluating your child's progress. The IEP must include a report of the child's present academic and non-academic performance, a statement of annual goals which may be reasonably accomplished within the next 12 months, and the specific special educational instruction and related services required to achieve the goals by the child.

Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) – an IFSP is a written plan for providing early intervention services to eligible children and their families. It must include a statement of the infant or toddler's present levels of physical development including hearing, vision and health status. The IFSP must include a statement of the specific early intervention services necessary to meet the unique needs of the child and family to achieve identified goals.

- Initiation Training directly teaching individuals with ASD to initiate interactions with their peers.
- Interdisciplinary a term which describes professionals who work jointly with the child in the same environment but each work within their "defined roles". Each staff member fulfills designated responsibilities. Group decisions and recommendations may occur but the staff roles determine who carries out those recommendations.
- Intervention design for changing an individual's behavioral, educational, medical or health status or a change in the program itself.
- Joint Attention Intervention involves building foundational skills involved in regulating the behavior of others (ex. pointing and eye gaze).

- Language a structured system of symbols, spoken or written, used in interpersonal communication. There are four major components of language. (1) Phonology describes how to put sounds together to form words. (2) Syntax describes how to put words together to form sentences. (3) Semantics describes how to interpret the meaning of words and sentences. (4) Pragmatics describes how to participate in a conversation, how to sequence sentences, and how to anticipate the information needed by the listener.
- Language Training (Production) -Interventions with the primary goal of speech production.
- Language Training (Production and Understanding - Interventions with the goal increasing of speech production and understanding of communicative acts.
- Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) placement or program that can best meet the individual student's needs and which does so with a minimum loss of contact with regular programs. The intent is to place the child with exceptional needs in a program as close to a regular school program as possible.
- Mainstreaming refers to the placement of children with handicaps into educational programs for and with normally developing children.
- Massage/Touch Therapy Provision of deep tissue stimulation.
- **Modeling\*** relies on an adult or peer providing a demonstration of the target behavior that should result in an imitation of the target behavior by the individual with ASD.
- Multi-component Package uses a combination of multiple treatment procedures from different theoretical orientations.
- **Music Therapy** interventions that seek to teach individual skills through music.

- Naturalistic Intervention\* using primarily child-directed interactions to teach functional skills in the natural environment.
- Occupational Therapy (OT) a therapy or treatment provided by an occupational therapist that helps individual development or physical skills that will aid in daily living. It focuses on sensory integration, coordination of movement, and on fine motor and self-help skills, such as dressing and eating with utensils.
- Parent-implemented instruction and intervention\* - parents provide individual skill instruction with their child after receiving structured training on how to promote skill acquisition and reduce interfering behaviors.
- Peer-mediated Instruction & Intervention\* - interventions that target academic, communication, or social skills by involving same-aged peers in the learning process.
- **Perception** the process of organizing or interpreting the information obtained through the five senses.
- **Perceptual Motor** term describing the interaction of the various channels or perception with motor activities.
- **Physical Therapy (PT)** services provided by trained physical therapists, in the general area of motor performance, to help the person improve the use of bones, muscles, joints and nerves.
- Picture Exchange Communication System\* - utilization of a specific augmentative and alternative communication system designed to teach functional communication.
- Pivotal Response Training\* focuses on targeting pivotal areas of behavior (i.e. social communication, self-management), parental involvement in delivery of intervention, and delivery in natural environment.
- Placement unique combination of facilities, personnel, location and equipment necessary to provide

instructional services to an individual with exceptional needs as specified in the IEP.

- Prompting\* Physical, visual, or verbal assistance to increase the likelihood that an individual performs a correct response
- Public Law 94-142 The Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975, is a federal law that mandates and affirms the right of all children to a free and appropriate public education.
- Public Law 99-457 an amendment to P.L. 94-142 passed in 1986, which requires states to provide a free and appropriate public education to all children ages 3-5. The amendment also provides funds for states to offer programs and services to infants and children (ages birth through 2 yrs.) with disabilities.
- **Receptive Language** language that is spoken or written by others and received by the individual. Receptive language skills are listening and reading.
- **Reductive Package** interventions that rely on strategies designed to reduce problem behaviors with no effort to increase appropriate alternatives.
- Reinforcement\* an event that occurs after a response (whether natural or programmed) that results in an increased likelihood of the response in the future.
- **Resource Teacher** a specialist responsible for coordinating curriculum, consulting with teachers concerning all aspects of classroom management, and providing program information to site offices and staff. The resource teacher also maintains class rosters and arranges placement of students.
- Response Interruption and Redirection\* – Inserting a prompt, comment, or when an individual is engaging in interfering behavior in order to direct their attention to another verbal or motor response.
- Schedules involves presenting a visual (e.g., pictures, printed words, or both) that indicates the activities of the day or individual steps of a multi-step task.

- Scripting\* an intervention in which a verbal/ written script is developed that serves as a model for the individual with ASD.
- Self-Management\* promotes independence by teaching individuals with ASD to regulate their behavior.
- Sensory Integrative Package establishing an environment that stimulates or challenges the individual to effectively use all of their senses as a means of addressing over stimulation or under stimulation from the environment.
- Sign Instruction interventions that directly teach sign language as a means of communication.
- Self-stimulatory Behavior repetitive, stereotyped, atypical behaviors (e.g. head banging, hand-flapping).
- Sensorimotor Integration term applied to the combination of the input of sensation and the output of motor activity.
- Social Communication Intervention psychosocial intervention that involve targeting a combination of pragmatic communication skills and successfully reading social situations.
- Social Narratives\* typically a short story that describes the relevant social cues and examples for appropriate social responses. Narratives are written for a variety of social situations and often include visual aids.
- Social Skills Training\* interventions focusing on building interaction skills in children with ASD by targeting basic responses to complex social skills.
- Social Stories <sup>™</sup> personalized, short stories developed and written by teachers, therapists or family members. Social stories utilize the strength as a visual learner that many persons with autism exhibit. The can be used for any situation or concern such as haircuts, sharing, going to the library or making the bed, and gives a handle to the person with autism with which to approach the complex area of social skills.
- Special Education a set of educational programs or services designed to meet the needs of individuals whose special needs

cannot be met in the regular classroom.

- **Speech/Language Therapy** a planned program to improve and correct speech, language, or communication problems.
- **Story-based Intervention Package** involves a written description of the situations that typically elicit problem behavior.
- **Structured Teaching** based on the neuropsychological characteristics of individuals with autism, this intervention involves a combination of procedures that rely heavily on the physical organization of a setting, predictable schedules, and individualized use of teaching methods.
- Structured play groups\* a play group with a clearly defined area, theme, goals and inclusion of peers. The adult leads the group using prompting, scaffolding, and guidance to help participants meet their goals.
- Task analysis\* a process by which a complex skill is broken down into smaller steps and is systematically prompted and reinforced by an instructor.
- Technology-aided instruction and intervention (TAII)\* - interventions that require the presentation of instructional materials using computers or related technology (NPDC, 2014)
- Theory of Mind Training designed to teach individuals with ASD to recognize and identify mental states in oneself or in others and use that information to predict their actions.
- Time delay\* a method of prompting in which a specified amount of time elapses between an initial instruction for a response and any additional prompting or instructions
- Video modeling\* a method of instruction in which the learner watches a video of themselves or another person performing a target skill.
- Visual supports\* a method of prompting in which a visual aid (e.g., pictures, printed words, 3-D objects, maps, labels, and arrangement of objects or boundaries in the environment) are used to help

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION ALPHABET SOUP Acronyms & Abbreviations

| AAC    | Augmentative and Alternative<br>Communication | IA<br>IDEA | Instructional Aide<br>Individuals with Disabilities |
|--------|---|------------|---|
| ABA    | Applied Behavior Analysis                     |            | Education Act                                       |
| ABC    | Antecedent, Behavior, and                     | IEP        | Individualized Education Program                    |
|        | Consequence                                   | IFSP       | Individualized Family Service Plan                  |
| ADA    | Americans with Disabilities Act               | IQ         | Intelligence Quotient                               |
| ADHD   | Attention Deficit Hyperactivity               | ITP        | Individualized Transition Plan                      |
|        | Disorder                                      | LEA        | Local Education Authority                           |
| ADL    | Activities of Daily Living                    | LD         | Learning Disability                                 |
| APE    | Adapted Physical Education                    | LRE        | Least Restrictive Environment                       |
| ASD    | Autism Spectrum Disorders                     | MDT        | Multidisciplinary Team                              |
| ASL    | American Sign Language                        | MR         | Mental Retardation                                  |
| AT     | Assistive Technology                          | NCLB       | No Child Left Behind                                |
| BIP    | Behavior Intervention Plan                    | NOS        | Not Otherwise Specified                             |
| CD     | Conduct Disorder                              | O&M        | Orientation and mobility                            |
| CEC    | Council for Exceptional Children              | OCD        | Obsessive Compulsive Disorder                       |
| DD     | Developmental Delay                           | ODD        | Oppositional Defiant Disorder                       |
| DD     | Developmental Disability                      | OHI        | Other Health Impaired                               |
| DHH    | Deaf and Hard of Hearing                      | OI         | Orthopedically Impaired                             |
| DSM-IV | Diagnostic and Statistical Manual             | OT         | Occupational Therapy                                |
|        | of Mental Disorders, IV edition               | PBS        | Positive Behavior Support                           |
| DTT    | Discrete Trial Training                       | PDD        | Pervasive Developmental Disorder                    |
| EBD    | Emotional and Behavioral                      | PECS       | Picture Exchange Communication                      |
| 50     | Disorders                                     |            | System  |
| EC     | Early Childhood                               | PLEP       | Present Levels of Educational                       |
| ECSE   | Early Childhood Special Education             |            | Performance   |
| EI     | Early Intervention                            | PRT        | Pivotal Response Training                           |
| ELL    | English Language Learners                     | PT         | Physical Therapy                                    |
| ESL    | English as a Second Language                  | RTI        | Response to Intervention                            |
| ESY    | Extended School Year                          | SED        | Serious Emotional Disturbance                       |
| FAPE   | Free and Appropriate Public<br>Education      | SIB        | Self-Injurious Behavior                             |
| FAS    | Fetal Alcohol Syndrome                        | SIP        | Student Intervention Plan                           |
| FERPA  | -   | SIT        | Student Intervention Team                           |
| FERFA  | Family Educational Rights and<br>Privacy Act  | SIT        | Sensory Integration Therapy                         |
| FBA    | Functional Behavioral Assessment              | SLD        | Specific Learning Disability                        |
| HFA    | High Functioning Autism                       | SLP        | Speech and Language Pathologist                     |
| HI     | Hearing Impaired                              | SSB        | Self-Stimulatory Behavior                           |
| HIPAA  | Health Insurance Portability                  | TA         | Teacher Assistant                                   |
| / ٧٦   | Accountability Act                            | VR         | Vocational Rehabilitation                           |
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