

Harbor Regional Center
Guidelines for Exemplary ABA Service Providers

These guidelines represent Harbor Regional Center's standards for excellence in the education, training and experience of ABA service professionals. It is our hope that all ABA service providers will continually strive to achieve and maintain the level of excellence outlined below.

| Direct Provider/Interventionist: the individual who directly provides ABA services to the client. | |
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| <u>Education</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B.A. in a related field (e.g., Psychology, Special Education, Social Work, Human Development) |
| <u>Certification</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCABA |
| <u>Experience</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least two years experience with children • One year providing services to those with developmental disabilities (which can overlap with the above experience with children) • ABA Training commensurate with BCABA requirements (e.g., 2170 total hours, 192 hours directly supervised) • Pre- or Immediately Post-Hire Competency-Based Training by a BCBA in typical child development (e.g., knowledge of the normal progression of skills learned in childhood, how children typically “master” a skill) |

| Supervisor: the individual who directly supervises the implementation of the treatment plan. <i>Note: The Supervisor must have all of the qualifications of the Direct Provider/Interventionist plus those listed below:</i> | |
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| <u>Education</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master's degree |
| <u>Certification</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCBA |
| <u>Experience</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 course credits/units in Child Development or 36 volunteer or paid hours working with typically developing children • 2 years prior experience directly implementing ABA services with children • 3 years prior experience designing, directly implementing, and evaluating the effects of ABA services with children |

Supervisor of the Supervisors: the individual who is directly responsible for the supervisors; this may be the Clinical Director, Director, etc.

Note: The Supervisor of the Supervisors must have all of the qualifications of the Direct Provider/Interventionist and Supervisor plus those listed below:

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| <u>Education</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ph.D./Psy.D. |
| <u>Certification</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed in Psychology • BCBA |
| <u>Experience</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 years prior experience designing, directly implementing, and evaluating the effects of ABA services with children • Maintain certification and licensure • Published in peer-reviewed journals on the topic of developmental disabilities and/or ABA/behavioral treatments for individuals with developmental disabilities |

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