

Our Approach

Birchtree's autism experts work in partnership with students, families, schools and agencies to develop comprehensive, individualized educational and therapeutic programs. We are committed to full inclusion whenever and wherever possible.

Instructional Areas:

- ✓ Academics
- ✓ Communication & Social Skills
- ✓ Self-Care & Hygiene
- ✓ Mobility & Fitness
- ✓ Behavior & Self-Regulation
- ✓ Vocational & Independent-Living Skills
- ✓ Leisure Skills & Community Participation

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Expertise in Action

All Birchtree programs are data-driven and based on the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis. Board Certified Behavior Analysts train and supervise all instructors.

What is Applied Behavior Analysis?

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is a discipline devoted to the understanding and modification of human behavior. ABA uses methods that are scientifically proven and supported by data to generate change in behaviors. ABA focuses on decreasing maladaptive (challenging) behaviors and increasing adaptive (functional) behaviors.

The Birchtree Center admits students of any sex, race, creed, color, marital status, national/ethnic origin, and economic status. Funding for this program's development was provided by the Greater Portsmouth Rehabilitation Center Fund and the John and Lelia Lamson Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.



Feedback from Past Clients

The presenters were dynamic and passionate about what they do in their work with children on the autism spectrum. . . . I really appreciate the expertise and professionalism.

The Behavior Analyst worked closely with our daughter's school team to build a school program where she was included, safe and successful. . . . The entire Birchtree staff is supportive, informative and passionate about making a difference for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families.

All workshop areas were well organized and offered something new to bring back to my classroom.

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) & Autism

Consultation & Services

for schools, families & agencies in NH, MA & ME



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Our Mission is to promote independence, engaging relationships and productive lives for children and youth with autism at home, at school and in the community.

We Serve:

- Children and youth with autism and related disorders.
- Families, caregivers and educators who work with students with autism.
- Public schools and community agencies serving students with autism.

Service Availability: Services are available year-round in schools, homes and agencies in New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts.



In-Home Services

provide instructional help in the areas of behavior, hygiene, self-help skills, leisure routines, communication, social interaction, community access, academics, and

more. Birchtree's autism experts can offer training to family members and caregivers and help students learn to apply their skills at home and in the community.

Autism Workshops open to the public occur throughout the year. Our autism experts help parents, caregivers, teachers, para-educators, and service providers learn practical strategies for working with students with autism and related disorders.

To learn about upcoming workshops, see birchtreecenter.org/workshops.

School/Agency Consultation Services

include consultation and training with a student's educational team; behavioral, educational and individualized program assessments; and the development of interventions and strategies that can be used to strengthen a student's progress in a public school setting.

Birchtree's staff can also provide staff training and supervision; offer in-service workshops; design individualized data-collection systems; and conduct ongoing observations and data analysis to provide recommendations for program modifications.

Individualized Program Evaluations

assess individual students' educational, behavioral and instructional needs and provide recommendations to facilitate skill development and performance across environments.

A Behavior Analyst observes the student and his/her current programming, reviews student records, and interviews staff and family members. A written report summarizes a student's observed behaviors and skills, identifies his/her current level of needs, and makes recommendations for educational and behavioral programming and for the future direction of the student's program and Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Rates: Services are available for an hourly fee plus travel costs (to and from Newington, New Hampshire). Rates vary depending on the type of service offered.

In many cases, services are paid for by a student's school district (for school-based services), developmental agency (for students under 3 years), or health insurance (for some in-home services). To learn more about rates and available services, see birchtreecenter.org/consultation.

Assessment Services

- Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills (ABLLS-R)
- Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA)
- Individualized Program Evaluations
- Verbal Behavior Milestones Assessment & Placement Program (VB-MAPP)
- Standardized academic testing

Program-Development Services

- Behavior support plan development, implementation & documentation
- Lesson plan development, implementation & documentation, including procedures for promoting skill acquisition & performance
- Individualized Education Program (IEP) formulation & curriculum development
- Developing data-collection systems to track IEP goals; graphing & analyzing data
- Creating visual supports

Training & In-Service Topics

- Best practices in working with students with autism
- An introduction to the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)
- Behavior management strategies: function-based interventions
- Discrete trial instruction
- Teaching social skills to students with high functioning autism
- How to implement data monitoring of IEP & behavior objectives
- Task analyses/teaching self-help skills
- Promoting language development throughout home and school settings

Need other training? We can design a program to address the needs of your family, your organization, or specific students.

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