

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 program staff in implementing programs across the day.

Our Program Team

The autism experts on our team include:

- ✓ Board Certified Behavior Analysts®
- ✓ Certified Special Educators
- ✓ A Speech-Language Pathologist
- ✓ Occupational Therapists
- ✓ A Transition Coordinator
- ✓ Art, Music & Physical Education Instructors
- ✓ Registered Behavior Technicians™ (RBTs®)

Program staff are well qualified and highly trained in applied behavior analysis, special education, occupational therapy techniques, social skill development, and augmentative and alternative communication systems.



One Student's Story

When Ben* first started at our day school at age 7, he could barely talk and he struggled to get his needs met. He got so frustrated that he sometimes bit himself or kicked others to communicate.

Our autism experts worked with Ben year round, one-on-one. Ben learned how to speak, how to read, how to regulate his behavior, and more. Every day until he graduated, we traveled with Ben to practice using his skills in the real world.

Today, you may be in line behind Ben at the grocery store or on a treadmill next to him at the gym. Or maybe you'll see him at his part-time job, where he first volunteered as a student.

Friends like YOU help make this progress possible! Contact us to discuss how you can get involved.

**Name changed to preserve student & family privacy.*

Helping children & youth with autism

to grow & flourish in their families, homes, schools & communities



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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.

Our Day School on the New Hampshire Seacoast is an intensive, year-round special educational day program for students with autism in grades preK-12.

Highly trained staff work with students one-on-one and in small groups. All instruction is data-driven and based on the principles of applied behavior analysis (ABA).

Birchtree's team of autism experts includes specialists in the fields of applied behavior analysis, special education, communication, and occupational therapy. These specialists design and closely supervise all student programs.

Ours is the only program of its kind in our state; over 20 public school districts and agencies in Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire send students to attend.

Some students attend Birchtree for short periods of time and then transition successfully to their neighborhood schools. Others require ongoing intensive educational and behavioral supports that our program provides.



Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and Autism Consultation and Services

are available to benefit children and youth with autism and related disorders. Our autism experts travel over 30,000 miles per year in New Hampshire, Maine, and Massachusetts to provide services in public schools, family homes, and other community settings.

School Consultation Services include behavioral and educational assessments, regular consultation and training with a child's educational team, direct services, and the development of interventions and strategies that can be used to strengthen a child's progress in a public school setting.

In-Home Services provide instructional help in the areas of behavior, hygiene, self-help skills, social interaction, communication, academics, leisure routines, community access, and more. We offer training to family members and help students learn to apply their skills at home and in the community.

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



Our Students Achieving Independence for Life (SAIL) Services

prepare our adolescent day-school students for life beyond Birchtree. Our autism experts work closely with students' families and local agencies to develop individualized plans to promote independence for life.

Students aged 14-21 years receive practical, hands-on instruction in vocational skills, community participation, lifelong learning, and independent living. Students develop and practice their skills across multiple settings at Birchtree and in the community.



How You Can Help: Program fees do not cover the full cost of Birchtree's intensive, specialized autism services.

Our nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization depends on donations from individuals, businesses, and organizations to help underwrite the instructional technology, specialized equipment, expert staffing, appropriate facilities, and individualized services our students need to thrive. To discuss how **you** can get involved, please contact us.

The Birchtree Center admits students of any sex, race, creed, color, marital status, national/ethnic origin, and economic status.

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