

Questions to Ask an ABA Provider

Choosing an ABA is an important endeavor. Become an informed consumer and know what questions to ask a potential provider.

- 1. What type of ABA services do you provide: home base or office based?

 Home based with community outings is best for skill acquisition and generalization.

 Office based is best for social skills training with small groups.
- 2. What happens if my staff member can't attend session?

 For consistency, another staff member, preferably a supervisor should conduct sessions.
- 3. How do you plan to Generalize Skills?

 Generalization goals should be written into plans and programs.
- 4. How do you determine what to work on?

 All plans and programs should be individualized and based on assessments and data.
- 5. What is your client to supervisor ratio?

 The lower the ratio the better., 1:10 is preferable.
- 6. How often do your clients and staff receive supervision?

 Staff and client supervision should occur at least bi-weekly, more frequently if situations dictate.
- 7. What are your staff education requirements and what does your new staff and on-going staff training involve?
 - Staff education and training should be a high priority.
- 8. Do you provide family and caregiver training and if so how often?

 Parent and caregiver training should occur weekly.
- 9. How often do you review data and revise plans?
 Data review should be an on-going occurrence and plan revision should be at least monthly unless data and team (including parents) require more frequent revisions.
- 10. Tell me about your service model. Is it a team approach and do you collaborate with other providers.
 - A team approach with parents as part of the team is best. Collaboration amongst providers is always best and allows for consistency.

