



# INTERPROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC

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### THIS MONTH

#### *Books from Birth*

#### What is Applied Behavior Analysis?

University of Memphis Behavioral,  
Early Intervention, and Autism Therapy  
Services (B.E.A.T.S.)



## Shelby County's *Books from Birth* Program

The *Books from Birth* Program (BfB) was founded in 2005 with the goal to increase young children's access to books across Shelby County. The BfB program is one of the largest affiliates of Dolly Parton's *Imagination Library*, which is designed to encourage an early love for reading.

BfB delivers age-appropriate books on a monthly basis to participants from birth to age 5. The program promotes stronger family connections by increasing access to books and building a culture of early reading. In turn, the program helps to prepare Shelby County children for preschool and kindergarten.

Parents in the program reported spending more time reading with their children and that their children's interest in reading had increased.

Currently, the program reaches nearly half of all Shelby County children from birth to age 5.

To sign up for the *Books from Birth* program or to make a donation visit  
<https://www.porterleath.org/books-from-birth>

# What is Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), why is it important?

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is an evidence-based practice for behavioral intervention and modification. ABA's main focus is around promoting positive behaviors by teaching social, communication and general life skills. Intervention is targeted towards understanding the function of a behavior by determining antecedents, or what happens before a behavior occurs, and the consequences, what happens after the behavior.

## The four principles of behavior analysis include:

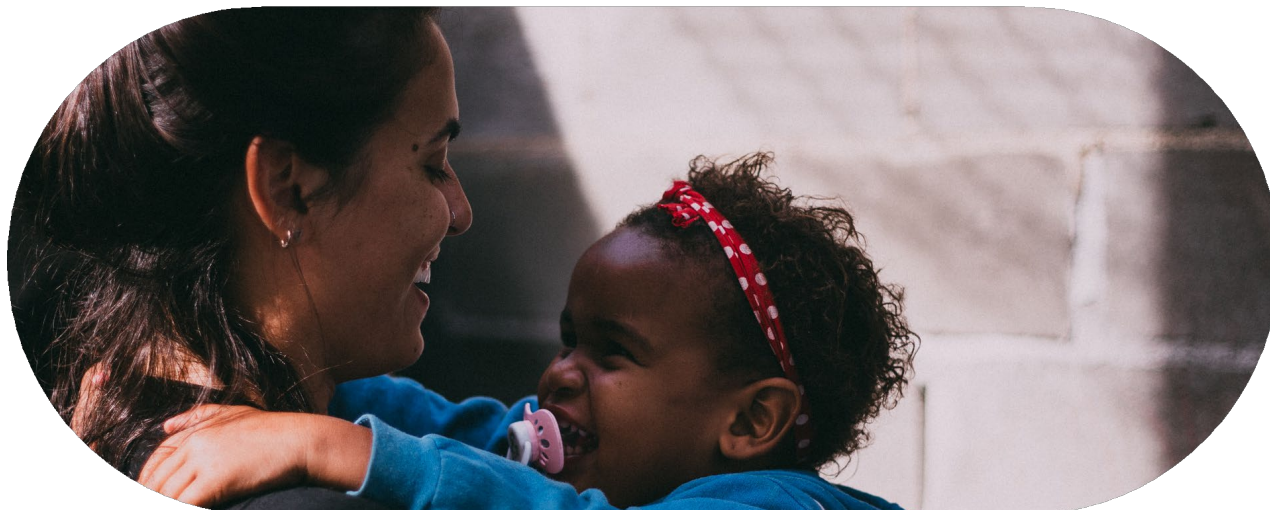
1. Behaviors are affected by their environment.
2. Behaviors can be strengthened or weakened by its consequences.
3. Behavior changes are more effective with positive instead of negative consequences.
4. Behaviors need to be reinforced or disciplined for socially significant changes.



A BOARD CERTIFIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS (BCBA) WORK WITH CHILDREN AND ADULTS EXPERIENCING A RANGE OF BEHAVIORAL DIFFICULTIES Implementing scientific methods to reduce and replace with more appropriate ones. Teach children new skills and enhance the ones they have in place.. THE DEMAND FOR [BCBAs](https://www.autismparentingmagazine.com/aba-principles/) IS QUICKLY GROWING ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD. MANY BCBAS WORK IN THE AREA OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN SCHOOL, CLINIC, AND HOME SETTINGS;. ABA HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN A RANGE OF APPLICATIONS INCLUDING SUBSTANCE ABUSE, GERONTOLOGY, CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT, AND MANY MORE.

[https://www.memphis.edu/icl/programs/sped\\_aba\\_cert.php](https://www.memphis.edu/icl/programs/sped_aba_cert.php)

## WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE ICHC?



### **University of Memphis Behavioral, Early Intervention, and Autism Therapy Services (B.E.A.T.S.)**

The B.E.A.T.S. program provides assessments and intervention to children identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or other related disabilities through the implementation of related services in clinic based and natural learning environments such as homes, schools and communities.

Using the science of Applied Behavior Analysis, an evidence-based intervention strategies, B.E.A.T.S. aims to positively influence the life trajectories of these families and to encourage and achieve meaningful and sustainable outcomes for families and children.

The program offers to train families and schools on the use and implementation of effective intervention strategies.

#### **The B.E.A.T.S. Program includes the following interrelated services:**

University of Memphis Behavior, Research, & Language Alliance- (UMBRella)

Project Memphis (PM) Vendor Contract/Services

Project-Memphis Ready (PM-Ready) TEIS Center-based Early Intervention Resource Agency

Project Memphis Home and Community Based Grant – TEIS Early Intervention

### **University of Memphis Behavior, Research, & Language Alliance- (UMBRella)**

UMBRella is an Autism Clinic located in the Community Health Building at the University of Memphis South Campus.

The program serves children ages 3 to 8 through individual and group therapies both in clinic and in schools.

The program also provides parent training and professional development trainings for educators introducing ABA methods and strategies.

### **Project-Memphis (PM) Vendor Contract/Services**

Project Memphis Vendor Contract/Services works with the Tennessee Early Intervention System to serve children from birth to 3 years of age who have been identified as developmentally delayed or disabled.

PM provides Psychological Evaluations, Behavior Evaluations, 4 levels of ABA on-going services, and Developmental Evaluations in clinic, home and community settings.



### **Project-Memphis Ready (PM-Ready) TEIS Center-based Early Intervention Resource Agency**

PM-Ready is a resource agency that works with children ages 18 month - 3 years who have been deemed developmentally delayed or disabled by TEIS for Part C Services with autism or suspected autism.

The program provides the service of Developmental Therapy-Behavior in a center based/group setting, ABA services and Psychological Evaluations to children as well as other support to families.

### **Project Memphis Home and Community Based Grant – TEIS Early Intervention Resource Agency**

Serves 120-150 children (and their families) ages birth-3 who have been deemed developmentally delayed or disabled by TEIS for Part C Services.

The program provides the service of Developmental Therapy in homes, childcare centers and community settings.





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