

Programs & Services Quick Reference

Applied Behavioral Services (ABS) offers two distinct programs:

1. Education Program
2. Medical, Mental Health and Treatment Program

Education Program & Services

For ages 3-22 yrs old

Our education program includes many choices for our parents and students to find the best education for them. Our ABS West Chester location is an approved Autism Scholarship Program (ASP) with the Ohio Department of Education.

Center-based Education

Students attend full-time or part-time special education classrooms at one of our four private facilities in Ohio.

Full-year, Full-day Group Education Classroom

This classroom is designed for learners that require individualized teaching methods and curriculum, are able to independently sit and attend in a small group setting, and are able to follow the classroom routine with minimal guidance.

- Teacher to student ratio is 1 teacher with 4-6 students
- BCBA supervision
- BCBA services
 - Monthly, 1-hour parent education review meeting
 - Parent training sessions available
 - Online training classes for parents and caregivers
- Intervention Specialist Supervision
- Speech – 1 session of group speech per week
- Occupational Therapy-1 session of group OT per week
- Curriculum is individualized
- Teaching materials are individualized
- Learning is monitored daily for progress
- Students are placed with peers similar in age and ability

Pre-requisite skills to qualify for the full-day placement include but are not limited to:

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- The student can work and play independently for short periods of time.
- The student is able to follow basic classroom directions.
- The student is able to imitate others and attend to the teacher.

School schedule:

Full year placement

Monday – Friday

8:30-2:30

Full-year, Half-day Small Group Education Classroom

This classroom is designed for learners that require individualized teaching methods and curriculum, require consistent practice to learn new skills, may have behaviors of concern that need addressed, and need assistance to follow the classroom routine and adult directions.

- Teacher to student ratio is 1 teacher with 2 students
- BCBA supervision
- BCBA services
 - Monthly, 1-hour parent education review meeting
 - Parent training sessions available
 - Online training classes for parents and caregivers
- Intervention Specialist Supervision
- Intensive communication training throughout the classroom period
- Curriculum is individualized
- Teaching materials are individualized
- Learning is monitored daily for progress
- Students are placed with peers similar in age and ability
- OT services
- Speech services

School schedule:

Full year placement

Monday – Friday

8:00-11:00 or 12:00-3:00

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The half-day, education placement is recommended for the following students:

- Newly diagnosed students
- Students just beginning a formal education and/or treatment program
- Students needing practice learning how to sit and attend to a teacher
- If parents want to primarily focus on communication, social, and appropriate play skills
- Students requiring more intensive teaching

Medical, Mental Health and Treatment Program **for all ages**

ABS West Chester takes pride in applying individualized treatment services to improve a child's functioning in all areas of development including but not limited to:

- Communication
- Social Skills
- Playing appropriately with toys and others
- Understanding their emotions
- Understanding others perspective
- Executive functioning
- Having a conversation
- Increasing independence with daily activities
- And more...

One-on-One Services

In addition to our classrooms, we are able to help children with specialized, one-on-one treatment services. Many people call this ABA Therapy, or Applied Behavior Analysis therapy. The treatment services are better described as behavior therapy where the behavior technician is specifically trained to apply the principles and procedures of ABA to improve behavior by teaching new skills, changing difficult behaviors, and increasing areas of strength.

Research has shown children with autism may make significant and faster gains when receiving one-on-one (1:1) treatment from 25-40 hours per week.

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These services are typically paid for by private insurance, private pay and/or school contracts.

Counseling

Our team of social workers and counselors offer counseling to improve specific skills like social interactions, attending, relationship building, how to manage one's emotions, and how to self-monitor.

These services are sometimes paid for by private insurance, Tricare, Medicaid, and private pay.

Support and Treatment

For individuals with Medicaid benefits, ABS West Chester is able to provide a specific support and treatment service called CPST. This stands for Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment.

CPST is a service only available in Ohio and is part of our state Medicaid services under the Ohio Department of Mental Health.

It consists of various activities for your child to participate in with a qualified mental health specialist. This typically includes activities that increase one's independence in daily living activities, help a person meet their basic needs through communication training, provide training for parents and caregivers on the specific needs of their child, and offer other mental health treatments and strategies to improve functioning and behavior.

This service is only available to individuals that meet medical necessity and have access to Medicaid insurance benefits.

Speech Therapy

For all ages

The ABS West Chester Speech Therapy Program provides speech therapy included with tuition in 1:1 setting or small group depending on the placement and needs of the individual.

Additional services available that may be covered by insurance and/or private pay include but are not limited to:

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- 1:1 intensive intervention sessions/support
- Individual speech therapy
- Social skills counseling
- Focus sessions
- Home therapy program
- Case management and support
- Intensive toilet training program
- Intensive eating program
- Blue-Week services

Therapy & Classroom resources available per the treatment plan and/or IEP:

- Comprehensive parent training menu for home-school consistency
- Online curriculum such as
 - IXL Math
 - Headsprout
 - Learning A-Z
 - The Complete Curriculum
 - Key Math
 - Building Blocks
- Communication programs and apps such as
 - ProLoQuo ToGo
- Core Curriculum Assessments and Data Tracking
- Principle services and oversight
- Continuing education for teachers and therapists
- Licensure supervision for employees