Behavior Treatment Clinics

ABOUT US
The Marcus Autism Center Behavior Treatment Clinics provide a range of services, based on applied behavior analysis (ABA), from behavioral assessments to in-home interventions for children exhibiting skill deficits or problem behaviors.

TREATMENT
The staff at the Behavior Treatment Clinics works with families to develop relevant treatment goals. With these goals, the comprehensive treatments utilize a multidisciplinary team environment to develop, evaluate and implement individualized treatment programs.

PROGRAMS
Severe Behavior Day Treatment program—offers an intensive, daily therapy session that lasts six hours a day for up to 12 weeks. This is for children with more severe behavior problems or if other approaches have been unsuccessful. While there is no restriction on the types of behavior treated, the most common behaviors include:
- Aggression
- Disruption
- Elopement
- Noncompliance
- Pica
- Property destruction
- Self-injury
- Stereotypy

The Severe Behavior Day Treatment program also has the capability to test any strategies and behavioral interventions, determining their impact in natural settings, such as in the classroom.

In the Severe Behavior Day Treatment program, a child’s admission goals typically include an 80 percent reduction in problem behaviors. In 2008 this goal was exceeded, resulting in an 84 percent average reduction in problem behaviors.

Brief Behavioral Interventions program—provides in-home services similar to those offered by the Severe Behavior Day Treatment program, but this program is only for one- to two-hour, weekly or biweekly appointments, with most children needing an average of five visits. Our staff enacts behavioral interventions with the supervision of a licensed psychologist.

Language and Learning Clinic Day Treatment and After-School programs—implement intensive programs for children displaying skill deficits combined with aggressive or other problem behaviors. These programs maintain a one-to-one, child-to-specialist ratio, giving the maximum amount of time and attention to each child. Programs implemented at the Language and Learning Clinic teach children valuable life skills, including:
- Academic
- Language
- Self-help
- Social interaction
- Vocational

Language and Learning Clinic In-Home program—includes one-on-one instruction in the child’s home. A typical treatment program involves six to 40 hours a week of instruction, with follow-up consultations available.

Language and Learning Clinic Training program—implements intensive clinic-based skill acquisition strategies for current Language and Learning Clinic patients, while providing continuing education opportunities to train the next generation of clinicians.

School Consultation program—provides services across Georgia, offering direct services and consultations within schools and homes. With a focus on behavioral assessments and interventions, program evaluations and the facilitation of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) services within school systems, our staff is trained to provide ABA services within the classroom setting.

Parent Consultation—gives parents the opportunity to work directly with a licensed psychologist. During the weekly meetings, parents are trained to establish and implement basic behavior management strategies and skill acquisition programming.

REFERRAL
Call Marcus Autism Center at 404-785-9400 or visit www.marcus.org for more information about referring a patient.