

School District Services

The Department of Education has recognized the need for more education on the subject of autism and Applied Behavior Analysis. EAP has worked with a number of school districts across the state for several years by developing and supervising ABA programs for individual students. We have recently begun to provide training and staff development the Early Autism Project Inc. has developed and now offer a comprehensive series of workshops and trainings on Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis especially designed for school districts. This training and workshop series is designed to help school district personnel at all levels learn more about autism and successful treatment methods.

Many school districts with whom we currently work use their staff development days to take advantage of these training workshops and schedule a series of training dates each year. From a general overview of autism and ABA to more advanced subject matter like dealing with self-injurious behavior, these trainings have something to offer your staff at all different levels of experience.



Ann Eldridge, M.Ed., BCBA is the President and Director of Clinical Services for the South Carolina Early Autism Project Inc. She holds a Masters Degree in Special Education from Clemson University. For fifteen years she was a Special Education teacher in the South Carolina public school system, and in 1996 she was recognized by the South Carolina Autism Society as that organization's Teacher of the Year. She was named director of the Early Autism Project Inc. when EAP was established in July of 2000. Mrs. Eldridge lives in Sumter, SC. She is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and is a certified Fast ForWord provider.



Susan Butler, BA is the Secretary/Treasurer and the Administrator of the Early Autism Project, Inc. While working in corporate America throughout the 1990's, Ms. Butler also worked to bring quality ABA treatment services to SC. She served as the SC contact for several organizations to provide information about treatment options to families with children with autism spectrum disorders. In 2000, Ms. Butler was asked to join the Early Autism Project, Inc., where she put her business background and experience helping families to work for the clinic. Mrs. Butler received a degree in Political Science with a minor in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina. She lives in Sumter, South Carolina.



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Mission Statement

The mission of the Early Autism Project, Inc. is threefold: to provide appropriate and effective home and school programming that will enable each child in our care to reach his or her potential; to foster the close collaboration of parents and professionals who support the child; and to equip each child's home or school team with the training and supervision that will ensure high-quality and consistent teaching, error correction procedures and behavioral intervention.

Welcome to EAP!

The Early Autism Project, Inc. (EAP) provides initial workshops, frequent periodic follow-ups, and ongoing therapy and supervision to private families, BabyNet, Tricare, Waiver and School Districts all across the Palmetto State. The clinic also serves families outside South Carolina, providing training workshops, therapy, consultation, and follow-up supervision to children throughout the United States.

We have Board Certified Behavior Analysts who possess extensive training and experience in the area of Applied Verbal Behavior, and their training in that field is continuous. For several years,

EAP was the Southeastern branch of the Wisconsin Early Autism Project, Inc., which was then and is now one of a handful of clinics approved by Dr. Ivar Lovaas as a replication site for his work; consequently, our clinicians are also well-versed in a more traditional ABA approach. Our commitment at EAP is to identify and implement the *most effective* course of treatment for each child entrusted to us.

Our therapists reflect a wide variety of backgrounds and life experiences and many come from fields of special education, education, or psychology. They are all highly experienced and extensively trained in working with autistic children and they are all deeply committed to opening the door to a better life for these children. Their expertise is proven, but their training is ongoing; they share EAP's conviction that a functional knowledge of a wide variety of possible treatments is essential if they are to identify the best approach for each child.

Our clinic is located in Sumter, but our clinicians live in North Carolina, Georgia, and all regions of South Carolina, as do the families that they serve. Our children range in age from twenty months to thirteen years, from early learners to advanced learners.

Family Supervision Models

The Early Autism Project, Inc. offers a variety of supervision models all designed to effectively accommodate the needs of your child's ABA program. We offer weekly and monthly supervision services by Senior Therapists and Clinic Supervisors.

Families will be able to select the level of supervision that they feel is appropriate for their child's ABA program from the models below. With any model selection, EAP will provide clinical staff dedicated to offering your child the opportunity to reach his or her potential.

- The *intensive model* offers the most supervision, with weekly visits from a Senior Therapist totaling 5 hours and monthly Clinic Supervisor visits totaling 6 hours.
- The *parent directed* model offers a 3-hour weekly visit from a Senior Therapist and a monthly Clinic Supervisor visit of 3 hours, allowing parents to assume a more active role in managing their child's program under EAP supervision.
- The *workshop model* of supervision features a monthly 6 hour visit from a Clinic Supervisor and is provided primarily to out-of-state families because of the extensive travel involved.

If you are interested in learning more about the services that the Early Autism Project, Inc. offers, we invite you to contact us at the following email address:



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