WHAT IS AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER?

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neuro-developmental disorder characterized by challenges in social interaction, communication, and repetitive or restricted interests. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, an estimated 1 in 68 children are diagnosed with ASD. While there is no known cause or cure, individuals with ASD can learn independently with appropriate, effective treatment.

SPECIAL PARTNERS

Texas Health and Human Services Commission: Provides partial funding support for the Focused Service line to qualified applicants.

University of North Texas Department of Behavior Analysis: Collaborating since 2008, Easterseals North Texas integrates the research of Dr. Shahla Ala'i-Rosales and Dr. Jesus Rosales-Ruiz to improve our services and to stay current on trends and best practices in Behavior Analysis.

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taking on disability together
Easterseals North Texas provides high-quality ASD Services to your child, with the following values:

**EVIDENCE-BASED THERAPY**
Under the supervision of a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), we use the evidence-based strategies of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) for the treatment of ASD. This includes treatment in all deficit areas, as identified through assessment and observation. The ability to teach new skills and appropriate alternatives for challenging behavior—documented in a wide variety of peer-reviewed research studies over several decades—has made ABA the standard of care for the treatment of ASD.

**CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**
ASD Services are provided by our professional ABA coaches under the supervision of a BCBA. Coaches are trained continuously in the most current techniques and methods and are either Registered Behavior Technicians (RBT) or in training to acquire this credential.

**INDIVIDUALIZED TREATMENT PLANS**
Treatment plans are developed with intervention strategies and goals that vary, based on the needs of each child and family. We provide treatment plans that are respectful of each family’s culture, values, beliefs, education, and experiences.

**FAMILY-CENTERED CARE**
The BCBA overseeing a child’s program works with each family and other service providers to determine priorities for intervention. Parents and caregivers participate in training sessions to learn how to carry over skills taught in the clinic to the home and community setting, and how to identify and teach new skills.

**AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER SERVICES**
Easterseals North Texas provides Applied Behavior Analysis therapy to children, ages 18 months to 15 years, diagnosed with ASD. These services are offered through our Autism Treatment program and our Child Development Center. We offer a variety of options to fit the needs of each family.

Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) supervise and provide individualized programming, utilizing the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), to increase skills in the child’s areas of need. Clients also have the opportunity to enroll in our Outpatient Rehabilitation Program, which offers speech-language, occupational, and physical therapies.

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**
a full Walden Model Replica
(18 MONTHS - 6 YEARS OLD)
- Children with ASD and related disorders learn alongside typically developing peers.
- Our inclusive preschool program is a full replication of the Walden Early Childhood Center developed by Dr. Gail McGee, emphasizing engagement, language, and social skills development.
- All children gain academic skills for kindergarten readiness, form natural friendships, learn problem-solving skills, learn to recognize differences as natural, and learn to interact with those who communicate differently.
- ABA services provide intensive treatment in language, engagement, and social skills.
- Available Monday - Friday at our North Dallas Center.

**COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES**
(2 - 7 YEARS OLD)
- Programming addresses a child’s individual needs and teaches across all developmental areas, such as communication, socialization, fine motor, gross motor, play, and daily living skills.
- One-on-one instruction is provided in individual and group settings.
- Parent and caregiver training sessions are provided.
- Sessions provide 20 hours of direct service per week.
- Services are available Monday - Thursday at our North Dallas and Fort Worth Centers.

**FOCUSED SERVICES**
(2 - 15 YEARS OLD)
- Programming targets core deficits and focuses on primary needs.
- Parent and caregiver training sessions are provided.
- Daytime and after-school sessions offer 6-12 hours of direct services per week.
- Services are available Monday - Thursday at our North Dallas and Fort Worth Centers.