

Behavior Analysis Center of Asheville

Evidence-based intervention for people with Autism

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The Behavior Analysis Center of Asheville, a 501(c)-3 not-for-profit organization, is pleased to announce the opening of Grotto, Western North Carolina's first Applied Behavior Analysis Preschool for young children with Autism. The preschool will provide early and intensive intervention to children with ASD living within 30 miles of Hendersonville, NC. The intervention will be based on principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). Methods used will adhere as closely as possible to those that research demonstrates to be the most effective intervention for young children in this population. This will be a year-round program, and will initially serve four children under the age of 5 years old. The hours of operation will be 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Children will have one-to-one teaching and will, as appropriate for their skill level, be included in preschool or kindergarten classes within Immaculata Catholic School (Hendersonville, NC) with a one-on-one aide. Religious affiliation is not required for attendance.

Currently, the Behavior Analysis Center of Asheville has funding to run the preschool for four children for one year. The cost of early and intensive intervention averages \$40,000.00 per year, and thus the number of children who can be served is limited. A generous donation from the Janirve Foundation, as well as private donations, have made possible the launch of this program. Financial support for the 2011 year is being sought to continue the school, as well as to fund other missions to help people in Western North Carolina. However, due to the high cost of running such a program, we cannot guarantee more than 12 months of service to any family who is selected to participate at this time.

The application for the preschool can be downloaded from the Behavior Analysis Center of Asheville website at www.bacasheville.org. Completed applications should be mailed to P.O. Box 6118, Asheville, NC 28816, no later than February 20, 2010. Late applications cannot be accepted. A copy of the child's diagnostic evaluation should be included. Once all applications are received and reviewed, potential candidates will be notified and subsequently interviewed. All applications and evaluations which are not considered for admittance will be kept on file should available positions open. Notification of final acceptance will be given by March 1, 2010. Unless further complications ensue, the preschool will open on March 8.

Questions regarding the application process, the Behavior Analysis Center of Asheville, or Applied Behavior Analysis for people with Autism should be directed to V. Caroline Minicozzi at info@bacasheville.org.

Thank you for your inquiry,
Board of Directors, Behavior Analysis Center of Asheville