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Director of Clinical Services

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Dr. Harrison completed her undergraduate work at University of Illinois in Champaign and graduated with her doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology in 1998 from Northern Illinois University. She was Board Certified as a Behavior Analyst at the doctoral level in 2008.

Director ABA Clinic

Tysha Rivich, LMHC, BCBA

Tysha received her undergraduate degree in Psychology in 1999 and earned her Master's degree in Mental Health Counseling from Purdue University Calumet in 2006. She was Board Certified as a Behavior Analyst in 2012. Tysha has over 10 years of experience working with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

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WHO ARE WE?

The ABA Clinic is provided by Innovations In Learning and incorporates the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) to teach communication skills to children with Autism Spectrum or other neurodevelopmental disorders. Personal goals and objectives are implemented during individualized instructional activities.

WHO BENEFITS FROM ABA/AVB?

- Any learner, vocal or non-vocal, who has difficulty getting needs met or who cannot functionally communicate
- Individuals with problematic behaviors
- Children who are not successful in school or other learning environments.

WHAT IS VERBAL BEHAVIOR?

The VB curriculum is based on B.F. Skinner's book "Verbal Behavior" (1957) which proposes that language is a behavior, which is influenced primarily through reinforcement, and on establishing and maintaining the motivation to learn.

Goal: Build language and communication skills and also to teach children how to be learners and to enjoy learning!

VB is based on the work of B. F. Skinner, Jack Michael, Mark Sundberg, Jim Partington, Vince Carbone, Patrick McGreevy, Carl Sundberg, and others.

Intensive teaching immerses the learner in a "language-learning environment".

WHAT TOOLS DO WE USE?

The Verbal Behavior & Milestones Assessment Placement Protocol (VB-MAPP) is completed for each child and relevant goals are developed. The VB-MAPP assessment includes the completion of:

- Milestone assessment which contains 170 learning and language skills based on 3 developmental levels
- Barriers assessment which addresses 24 common barriers to learning faced by children with Autism or other neurodevelopmental disorders
- Transition assessment which identifies skills needed or acquired for the child to move to a less restrictive learning environment
- Includes a skills tracking system that allows for reviews and updates of the learner's progress

WHO LEADS THE ABA CLINIC?

Supervision is provided by a licensed Clinical Psychologist and Certified Behavior Analysts. All programs are created and supervised by BCBAs/BCaBAs, or those currently studying to become board certified.

WHEN ARE SERVICES OFFERED?

ABA Clinic runs Monday thru Friday year round. Sessions run 9am-3pm Monday through Friday.

WHAT SERVICES ARE OFFERED?

Children attending the ABA Clinic receive 1:1 individualized programming from specially trained line therapists throughout

the day. Verbal Behavior programs focus on functional language development along with an emphasis on learner readiness, social skill, group, and play goals.

Parent/Guardian involvement is crucial to our children's success. Supervising therapists include parents/guardians in all aspects of the child programming. Weekly homework goals and monthly training sessions are required to ensure consistency of learning.

WHO DO YOU CONTACT?

Call Innovations In Learning at (219) 791-1400 or visit our website at www.innovationsinlearning.net to make a referral.

