

Step By Step Academy, Inc. Center for Special Scholars with Autism



Founded in 2002, Step By Step Academy (SBSA) is a private, non-profit treatment center for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). In addition to SBSA's center-based treatment, we provide several services designed to support the ongoing needs of our community:

- Assessment and Diagnostic Services
- Center-Based ABA Treatment Services
- Parent Advocacy Services
- Parent and Professional Trainings and Workshops
- Outreach Support Services for the home, school and community

SBSA's center-based program is certified by the state of Ohio and employs doctoral-level psychologists, Board Certified Behavior Analysts®, Board Certified Associate Behavior Analysts®, and staff with advanced training and certifications.

Each child's individualized treatment goals are established in collaboration with the parents and ISP team. Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is the root of all treatment methods used. In general, the ABA model consists of:

- Identifying a challenge or problem
- Setting goals and objectives
- Implementing empirically validated procedures for increasing, teaching or reducing behaviors

Utilizing research based strategies aimed at maximizing the functioning and independence for children with ASD, the SBSA program provides for:

- 1:1, 1:2, and small group treatment sessions,
- The program is year round; preventing large breaks in services
- Treatment is provided for a full day, Monday-Friday

When appropriate, children participate with peer models in our **Peer Leadership Program™** to support inclusion. The peer buddy provides typical peer modeling for friendship building and increasing social relations through staff led interactions. Children with autism are taught and must demonstrate specific social prerequisite skills prior to participating in peer buddy sessions.

Accreditations:

Community Accredited Rehabilitation Facility (CARF), National Certification Autism Scholarship Provider
Certified Mental Health Agency

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