



Guiding Questions for Behavioral Consultants/Specialists

A "Behavior specialist" is an individual who designs, implements, or evaluates a behavior modification intervention component of a treatment plan, including those based on applied behavioral analysis, to produce socially significant improvements in human behavior through skill acquisition and the reduction of problematic behavior. Use the guiding questions below to help you choose the best service provider for you and your loved one.

Agency: _____ **Provider:** _____

Questions	Answers, Related Resources, Suggestions
1. General Contact Information	Phone: Email: Address: Hours: Website: Specific Contact/Title:
2. What is the intake process? What documents will I need? Is there a waiting list for services?	

<p>3. Are you a County Board of Developmental Disabilities provider?</p> <p>If so, what waivers do you accept?</p> <p>Are you a certified Medicaid provider?</p> <p>Do you accept private insurance, if so, what types?</p> <p>Are there other types of funding you accept?</p> <p>Do you provide any other financial assistance?</p>	
<p>4. How often do you see clients – (multiple times a week, once a week?) How many hours a week do you provide?</p> <p>What does a typical session look like?</p>	
<p>5. How is the staff/provider trained to work with individuals with autism? What credentials/training? What evidence-based approaches or interventions do you use?</p>	

<p>6. Do you work mostly with children or adults ...what ages?</p> <p>How long do you typically work with a client? (A few months, a year, multiple years?)</p>	
<p>7. If direct/typical provider is not available (illness, vacation, etc.) does other staff work with the client?</p>	
<p>8. What type of evaluations/evaluative data do you provide back to the parent and how frequently?</p>	
<p>9. If a problem behavior is occurring in a school, can you provide services/consultation directly with a classroom teacher or school team? What does that look like?</p>	