



**Early
Intervention
Program**



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The Early Intervention Program provides early and intensive intervention using the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). There is substantial research documenting the effectiveness of using ABA with young children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Our experience demonstrates that most learners benefit from the approach and show meaningful changes in their behavior. Home-based programs for learners under 3 years of age and their families include the following:

- Licensed and/or certified staff
- Systematic assessment of the environment
- Systematic assessment of the learner's skills
- IFSP development
- Data based decision making
- Use of empirically supported strategies
- Interventions in the natural environments which span home and community
- High intensity and continuous provision for learning opportunities and engagement
- Speech Therapy
- Transition planning
- Parent training and support to promote collaboration and family involvement as well as advocacy
- Parent support groups
- Appropriate and individualized programs for children and families are developed using the following:
 - Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS)
 - Cognitive tests (Stanford Binet Fifth Edition or Bayley Scales of Infant Development)
 - Rossetti Infant-Toddler Language Scale
 - Behavioral Language Assessment (BLA)
 - Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills - Revised (ABLLS-R)
 - DDDC Developmental Checklist



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