

Questions to ask ABA Providers for parents

- *How do you use reinforcement?
- *What do you use for reinforcement?
- *Do you work on eye contact?
- *What are your thoughts on stimming behavior?
- *How much training and education do you RBT's have?
- *What is the minimum and maximum hours you suggest for autistic children?
- *Do you provide caregiver guidance so they can duplicate this work at home?
- *How will you highlight my child's strengths as well as provide the supports needed?

- *How do you find their strengths and build skills in areas that need extra support?
- *What is their approach to creating a plan that meets the needs of the child and family?
- *Specific examples! What's a recent goal you wrote for a client similar to my child?
- *What is the plan to fade services?
- *In what ways are you neuroaffirming?
- *Do you allow client assent/consent to treatment?
- *Do you use SBT strategies? Do you teach from joy?

- *Is there an open door policy for center based sessions where I can observe?
- *How often can I watch and/or participate in a therapy session?!?
- *What're their thoughts on child led play and can they let you observe a true child led session?
- *How will you respond to my child's preferences in play?
- *Do they believe in planned ignoring?
- *Do they believe ALL children deserve the right to education?
- *Why does my child need ABA?
- *What do you all focus on to increase skills before any behavior occur?

- *Who comes up with the goals?
- Can we say no?
- *Describe what a session may look like for my child!
- *How many RBT you will be working with my child?
- *What are the values of the clinic?
- *How do you plant teach my child to advocate for their sensory needs?
- *What can ABA do that I won't get from other specialists (SLP, OT, PT)?
- *Will you collaborate and respect the other professionals already on the team? (SLP, OT, PT)

*Will you collaborate with the SLP on AAC implementation and natural modeling through aided language input? *Will you try to push PECS, which has major limitations over high-tech AAC?

*What is your clinic protocol for when my child falls asleep? Will this be turned into one of their goals so that this time can be billed? AKA will you wake my child up every 15 minutes and have them request "sleep" to get 15 more minutes or sleep before running the goal again? Will you call me to come pick them up?

*How do they respond when the child doesn't seem "up for" or interested in the tasks being asked of them/him/her during that session?