

# SB365

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# What is ABA?

- A treatment that uses evidence based techniques and procedures for changing behavior
  - Increasing adaptive behavior
  - Decreasing harmful behavior
- Focuses on positive reinforcement and a systematic approach to intervention
- Data-based and individualized treatment
- Delivered in a range of settings (home, clinic, community, etc.)
- Highly effective when provided by qualified professionals

# Training in ABA

- A distinct profession
- Requires specialized training
- Behavior Analyst Certification Board<sup>®</sup>: the internationally accepted standard of credentialing in behavior analysis
  - Nationally accredited organization
  - Certifies Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA and BCBA-D)<sup>®</sup> and Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts (BCaBA)<sup>®</sup>

# BCBA<sup>®</sup> requirements

- Masters degree
- 225 classroom hours of course work in behavior analysis
- 1500 hours supervised experience
- Examination
- Ongoing Continuing Education requirements
- Guidelines for Responsible Conduct and Professional Disciplinary and Ethical Standards

# ABA Treatment Model



Cost-effective, high quality care

# Summary

- ORABA strongly supports insurance coverage for ABA treatment for ASD
  - Medically necessary
  - Evidence based
  - Significant long term cost savings
- ORABA strongly supports licensing and registration for qualified ABA providers
  - Based on the BACB standards
  - Increased consumer protection
  - Improves treatment quality