

# **Bobbie J. Gallagher, M.A.**

## **Behavior Analyst and Special Education Consultant**

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*Masters of Arts in Special Education – Founder of Autism Center for Educational Services, LLC. -- Associate Consultant for Lifespan Services, LLC -- Qualified as an Expert in Autism, by the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law -- Volunteer Specializing in Autism Awareness.*

### **Education**

#### ***Board Certified Behavior Analysis Coursework, completion date July 2010***

Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Florida

#### ***Masters of Special Education, 2006***

New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ

Completed courses concentrating on teaching individuals with autism, behavioral difficulties, and inclusion.

Research Seminar Paper: *Using Visual Supports to Increase Skill Acquisition and Decrease Maladaptive Behaviors in Individuals with Autism*

#### ***Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies, Magna Cum Laude, 2002***

Monmouth University, Long Branch, NJ

2000-2001 Dept. of Communications, Community Service Award

### **Additional Trainings/Training Certifications**

16-week distance course Teaching Language to Children with Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities, Behavior Analyst Inc.

Advanced Topics in Verbal Behavior: 3-day training, Behavior Analyst Inc.

Functional Analysis and Treatment for Severe Behavior Disorders, Dr. Brian Iwata

Solving the Relationship Puzzle, Relationship Development Intervention: 2-day Training, Dr. Steven Gutstein

The SCERTS Model: A Comprehensive Educational Approach: 2-day training, Dr. Barry M. Prizant.

PECS 2-day training, Pyramid Educational Consultants

Positive Behavior Supports for People with Developmental Disabilities, Dr. Dan Baker, Boggs Center.

Adaptive General Education Programs for Students with Moderate to Severe Disabilities, Karen McMurray Metzger, Boggs Center, UMDNJ.

### **Areas of Expertise**

Staff Training

Parent Training

IEP Development

Program Evaluations

Severe Behavioral Difficulty – Aggression and Self-injury

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### **Professional Experience**

Autism Center for Educational Services, LLC 2006 - Present

*Special Education Consultant and Behavior Analyst*

#### ***Owner***

Provide training to schools, private agencies, and parents in the principles of Applied Behavior Analyst and best practices in the field of Autism.

Develop and supervise behavior intervention plans, and skill acquisition programs for individuals with autism.

Offer trainings to parents, teachers and other caregivers through workshops.

Ensure progress of clients through on-going supervision of staff and monitoring client programs.

Evaluate public and private programs serving individuals with autism for their effectiveness based on student progress, teaching strategies, curriculum, IEP goals and objectives, and overall program quality.

Clients Include: New Horizons in Autism, Manchester Public Schools, and Private Families

Lifespan Services, LLC (Dr. David Holmes) 2007 -- Present

#### ***Associate Consultant***

Evaluation/Assessment of programs, services and/or teaching techniques to individuals with autism.

Review of IEP to determine appropriateness of services and IDEA criteria.

Attend meetings to help communicate the needs of students with autism.

Consult to agencies on best practices in servicing individuals with autism and related disorders.

Provide training to agencies on the principles of ABA and teaching techniques for individuals with autism.

Autism NJ (formerly COSAC) May 2005 - Sept 2006

#### ***Home Based Consultant***

Worked in home settings of families of individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Trained parents to utilize principles of ABA specific to the needs of their child.

Designed programs and/or behavior plans specific to the needs of the individual with autism that may increase the acquisition of skills or change maladaptive behaviors.

Point Pleasant Schools 2002 - Dec. 2006

#### ***Home Trainer/Substitute Teacher***

Worked in both home and school setting with individuals with autism and behavior difficulties.

Wrote programs to change behaviors in children with autism.

1 to 1 delivery of educational programming, utilizing the principles of ABA

The Spectrum Learning Center 1998-1999

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### ***Behavior Therapist***

Established picture exchange communication systems for nonverbal children to use to communicate and follow daily independent schedules.

1 to 1 delivery of educational therapy (ABA) to children with autism.

Trained in Crisis Management Techniques.

### **Presentations**

Two Sides to Every Story – A parent and sibling perspective on living with children with autism (Autism NJ Annual Conference 2010)

Preventing Problem Behavior Through Good Teaching, August 2010, Arcadia University Dr. Catagnus professor.

Getting to the Intraverbal (Autism NJ Annual Conference, 2009 Central Jersey Speech and Hearing Assoc. 2010)

Living and Working with Autism (Brookdale Community College, 2009)

Writing the PLEP Video Presentation – Teaching Methods in Autism, Unit Six, Arcadia University, Fall 2009

Case Study -- AG vs. Brick Board of Education - Educational Law Class (Caldwell College, 06 & 07)

Autism Through the Years -- What to Expect (Centra State Hospital, 2007)

Advocating for Research into Autism/Environmental Update (Washington, DC 2000)

The Perfect Child (An Evening at High Point, Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation, 1999)

Looking at Hard Topics in Autism, co-presenter (Environmental Influences on Children, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, NY, 1999).

### **Community Service**

Autism NJ Conference Planning Committee, member, 2009 & 2010

Autism NJ Core Planning Team - Blueprint for Lifetime Support, Dec. 2008 to present.

State Task Force on the Education of Students with Autism, member, 2002 - 2003 - Final result of this appointed task force was the pamphlet titled **New Jersey Autism Program Quality Indicators**.

### **Professional Affiliations**

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