

Connecticut Part C Autism Specialty Designation Assurances

Program Name: _____ Date: _____

To be designated as a Connecticut Early Intervention Service (EIS) program that specializes in supporting families whose children have an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), we make the following assurances, subject to audit. We will notify the lead agency within five (5) business days if any of the assurances cannot be met.

The company named above assures the Office of Early Childhood that the following are in place:

1) Standards:

- a) Families are supported by established or emerging interventions as identified by the most recent version of the National Standards Project.
- b) Both professionals and paraprofessionals participate in comprehensive and ongoing training in the use of empirically validated autism specific curricula and practices.
- c) The agency adheres to the set of principles that reflect both the science of early intervention and a core group of values referred to in the CT Birth to Three Autism Guidelines as the 12 guiding principles.
- d) The agency demonstrates a commitment to ongoing culturally effective practices as evidenced by ongoing interactive and reflective training.
- e) The agency has positive working relationships with universities, hospitals and ASD diagnostic centers.
- f) The agency supports Licensed Behavior Analysts (LBA) in following the service and supervision recommendations outlined in the Behavior Analyst Certification Board's (BACB) ABA Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders: Practice Guidelines for Healthcare Funder and Managers.

2) Capacity:

- a) A minimum one (1) but preferably two (2) experienced staff members who are trained to administer and interpret the latest edition of the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (currently ADOS-2).
- b) The ability to complete ADOS-2 assessments within 45 days of referral.

3) Staffing:

- a) At least one (1) but preferably two (2) LBA, on staff who uses objective data to plan, implement, and evaluate the effectiveness of interventions provided for each child and family.
- b) Sufficient FTEs of LBAs are available so that supervision is provided as identified by BACB (2 hours of supervision for every 10 hours of intervention) or by CT insurance mandates (1 hour to every 10 hours).
- c) Staff routinely develop two-part, joint plans with all families at least weekly and support families as they interact with their child during priority activities identified by the parent working towards set outcomes that will increase functional participation in those activities.

4) Experience:

- a) The person with direct supervision of the EIS program and staff has at least three years of experience administering a program that supports families whose children have autism spectrum disorder under Part C of IDEA **OR**
- b) The agency has a history of utilizing interventions with an established or emerging level of efficacy based on the National Standards Project for at least three years.

- 5) **Feedback/Evaluation:** The agency actively seeks and incorporates collaboration of care by formally seeking feedback from families, pediatric staff, early learning/childcare staff, program staff, and other members of the community.

I assure that this program meets the requirements above in order to be listed as an EIS program that specializes in supporting families with children who have an autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

Signature: _____ Name and Role: _____

This EIS Program chooses to support **only** families whose children have an autism spectrum disorder.

This EIS Program will support all families, including any with children who have autism spectrum disorder.