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UPCOMING EVENTS

*ABAI 10th International Conference September 29-30, 2019
Stockholm, Sweden*

*Gulf Coast ABA Conference
October 12-13, New Orleans*

*Tennessee Association for Behavior Analysis Annual Conference, November 8-9,
Nashville*

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TRAINING

Dr. Jim Moore presented PEAK training in Tupelo on July 16-17 at the North Mississippi Autism Center. Seventeen people attended the program!

UPCOMING!



Tim Courtney from Little Star ABA is presenting his workshop: **Navigating the 10th Circle of Hell: Writing Medically Necessary Treatment Plans** in Hattiesburg, MS on **September 7th, 2018** at Parkway Heights UMC from **9:00am – 5:00pm**. This workshop is sponsored by Will's Way, LLC. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/navigating-the-10th-circle-of-hell-a-road-map-to-writing-medically-necessary-treatment-plans-tickets-48131096405?aff=efbeventix>

CONGRATULATIONS TO EMILY MATHIS AND MELEAH ACKLEY

Emily Mathis is our new student representative! Please join us in congratulating Emily and special thanks to Meleah Ackley for her hard work and dedication over the past year!

Meleah Ackley is our new ABAi representative! Please join me in congratulating Meleah and special thanks to Kyle Rowsey for his dedication in the past year as ABAi representative.

REGIONS 1 AND 2 MEET AND GREET

Region 1's had a great first meeting and had a 2nd meeting in June at North Mississippi Autism Center during lunch at 12 with a tour afterwards. They plan to meet monthly to discuss current issues.



Brittany Bell headed up Region 2's meet and great get together in May at Soulshine Pizza for dinner and discussion about behavior analytic activities in the Jackson metro area! Future topics include new techniques.



Bottom left: Lakeisha Winston, Rebecca Mullican

Top left: Brittany Bell, Karlie Robinson, Breanna Newborne, Dorothy Scattone, Neelima Duncan

BEHAVIOR ANALYST SPOTLIGHT



Lakeisha S. Winston, M.S., BCBA, LBA is the overseeing BCBA at Spectrum Academy at New Summit School. She has worked with children with special needs since 2004 when she graduated from Jackson State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education. Lakeisha previously taught special education in the Jackson Metro area for seven years. Furthermore, she has received two Master's Degrees in Rehabilitation Counseling and Special Education. She started working in ABA, serving children with Autism, in 2014. Lakeisha found her passion in this line of work and completed her coursework from Florida Institute of Technology to become a BCBA in 2016. In her spare time, she enjoys cheering on her son who performs for the Sounds of Dynamite Alcorn Marching Band, and spending time with her terrier named Jodi.



Karlie Robinson, MA, BCBA, is the overseeing Behavior Analyst at The Growing Tree clinic in Flowood, MS. Karlie has been in the field of ABA for 6 years since becoming a behavior technician in California while working with teenagers on the spectrum. For the past 3 years Karlie has worked with Early Intervention clientele in clinic and community settings. Karlie's training includes: Discrete Trial Training (DTT) and Natural Environment Teaching (NET), ABLLS assessment, VBMAPP assessment, PEAK Level 1 Certification, school shadowing, social skills, and clinic and in-home therapy. Karlie holds a MA degree from University of Cincinnati in childhood education with a concentration on Applied Behavior Analysis; a BA in Psychology from Columbia College. Karlie's favorite part of her job is behavior reduction and working with children to promote language through Picture Exchange Communication System. When she's not working, Karlie enjoys traveling overseas, learning Japanese, spending time with her fiancé and

cat, and playing video games.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to Margaret Powell from Mississippi State University on recently receiving her BCBA Certification!

BCBA in Mississippi Highlight

For this quarter's BCBA in Mississippi Highlight, we chose to interview Dr. Dorothy Scattone. Dr. Scattone is a licensed psychologist, board certified behavior analyst, and Associate Professor in Pediatrics at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. After completing her doctoral coursework at the University of Southern Mississippi, Dr. Scattone continued her training at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, MD for her pre-doctoral internship. While at Kennedy Krieger, Dr. Scattone enjoyed the opportunity to work in the same facility where Dr. Brian Iwata's seminal research was conducted and to meet many of the researchers that penned articles she read in graduate school. These experiences, along with her cases, inspired Dr. Scattone to become a BCBA.

Currently, Dr. Scattone works among other professionals (e.g., developmental pediatricians, social workers, and psychiatric nurse practitioners) in an outpatient clinic at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Here, Dr. Scattone provides assessment and intervention services to families and children with ASD, ADHD, behavioral problems, and other childhood disorders, such as depression and anxiety. Her current career interests are in the areas of parent training, PCIT, and feeding. Overall, Dr. Scattone finds the open opportunities and specialized level of training the most rewarding aspects of being a BCBA. Due to the persisted need of payment for services for behavior analysts in Mississippi, her advice for students interested in pursuing a career in behavior analysis, is to pursue a degree that enables you to be licensed, so as BCBA you can bill under that license (e.g., psychology or social work licenses). Dr. Scattone noted that psychology and social work licenses allow billing under most insurance companies and those mental health related licenses often transfer to different states with ease.

Behavior Analysis Research Highlights

Check out these recent publications in various areas of behavior analysis!

Applied Behavior Analysis

Self-Injurious Behavior:

Hagopian, L. P., Rooker, G. W., & Yenokyan, G. (2018). Identifying predictive behavioral markers: A demonstration using automatically reinforced self-injurious behavior. *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, doi:10.1002/jaba.477

Verbal Behavior:

Ghaemmaghami, M., Hanley, G. P., Jessel, J., & Landa, R. (2018). Shaping complex functional communication responses. *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, 51(3), 502-520. doi:10.1002/jaba.468

Feeding:

Smith, H. M., Gadke, D. L., Stratton, K. K., Ripple, H., & Reisener, C. D. (2018). Providing noncontingent access to music in addition to escape extinction as a treatment for liquid refusal in a child with autism. *Behavior Analysis: Research and Practice*. Advance online publication. doi:10.1037/bar0000092

Experimental Analysis of Behavior

Toshikazu, K., & Yuto, M. (2018). Response acquisition by zebrafish (*danio rerio*) with delayed reinforcement. *Journal of The Experimental Analysis of Behavior*, 109(3), 520-532. doi:10.1002/jeab.324

Behavioral Economics

Cassidy, R. N., & Kurti, A. N. (2018). Behavioral economic research in addiction as an area of growth for the experimental analysis of behavior. *Behavior Analysis: Research and Practice*. Advance online publication. doi:10.1037/bar0000105

Behavioral Pharmacology

LeSage, M. G., Smethells, J. R., & Harris, A. C. (2018). Status and future directions of preclinical behavioral pharmacology in tobacco regulatory science. *Behavior Analysis: Research and Practice*. Advance online publication. doi:10.1037/bar0000113

LOCAL BUSINESSES

The **Autism Center of North Mississippi** provides comprehensive educational and behavioral services to families and schools to support students with autism spectrum disorders, developmental delays, and challenging behaviors. Our services include parent consultations, detailed skills assessments, one-on-one Applied Behavior Analysis therapy, in-school services and parent training.

SUPERVISION

A student in Pontotoc who is currently taking BCBA coursework through Capella University is looking for supervision. Anyone interest in supervising may contact Dannell Roberts.

BOOK REVIEW

Dorothy Scattone

Treating Eating Problems of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Developmental Disabilities by Keith E. Williams and Richard M. Foxx

This book is a nice resource for parents of mild to moderate food selective eaters. It describes types of eating problems, how to address them, and things to consider before starting a feeding intervention program. Many evidenced-based treatments are discussed including introducing new foods by using simultaneous and sequential presentations, using a separate plate for nonpreferred foods, incorporating preferred and nonpreferred foods on the same plate, and planned modeling. Other interventions include manipulating bite size to increase acceptance, reinforcement for acceptance, and a token system. A chapter on Adipsia or refusing to consume liquids is also provided.

Escape prevention interventions are also described with sample data sheets, an intake form, food inventory, and an intervention templates and sample interventions. There is a tip sheet for developing your intervention which provides suggestions for selecting meal length, meal/snack schedule, meal format, and data collection. Part I is for parents/caregivers and describes interventions that can be used in the home. Part II is for behavior analysts who have not worked with children with feeding disorders as well as therapist who have but have had little exposure to behavioral treatments.

ABA SERVICES

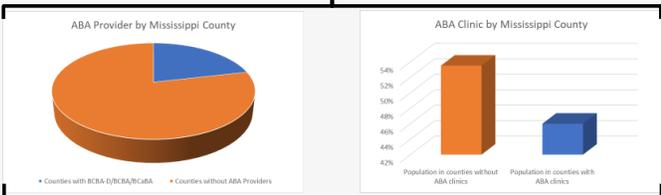
We will start hosting a section each quarter on available services throughout the state. Many of us have clients who move or our offices take phone calls from all over the state looking for services and we hope to help give the membership up to date information on referral sources so we can pass this information along to families and individuals in need of service. If you are not on this list, I apologize and please email myself (droberts@willswaybehavioral.com) or Kelly Walker (kwalker@willswaybehavioral.com) to correct this mistake. The services listed here are reflective of what is currently on our website. www.baams.org.

ABA Services in Mississippi



- 1 Integrated Health, LLC
- 2 King Therapies, LLC
- 3 Autism Center of North Mississippi
- 4 Golden Triangle Autism Center
- 5 Autism and Developmental Disabilities Clinic at MSU
- 6 UMMC Child Development Center
- 7 Blue Sky Behavior Therapy, LLC
- 8 Canopy Children's Solutions
- 9 The Growing Tree
- 10 Will's Way, Hattiesburg
- 11 Southern Miss Autism Treatment and Research (SMART) Lab
- 12 Pine Grove
- 13 Chamberlain Counseling Services
- 14 Colorful Minds
- 15 Will's Way, Gulfport
- 16 Mississippi Centers for Autism and Related Developmental Disabilities
- 17 Emergent Behavioral Services
- 18 Wills Way, Summit

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JOB POSTING

Clinic Director - BCBA at North Mississippi Autism Center

Clinic Director supports the Executive Director and Board of Directors by overseeing the day-to-day operations of the clinic. This position provides leadership, supervision, and support to Program Supervisors. Effectively maintains relationships with clients and caregivers, and employees of the organization according to authorized personnel policies and procedures that fully conform to current laws and regulations. Assures the organization and its mission, programs, products, and services are consistently presented in a positive and effective way with

in the school district markets and the community. Actively participates in fundraising, planning and implementation, including identifying resource requirements, researching funding sources, while committing time, energy, and enthusiasm to ensure the continued success of the program.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Manages the day to day operational aspects of program to include scheduling, staffing, training, direct services and other administrative duties involving the therapy staff. Communicates, collaborates and coordinates with Executive Director to ensure company mission, philosophy and procedures are embraced. Provides leadership in the areas of clinical services, program evaluation, program development and training. Designs, implements, and manages evidence-based ABA services (therapy, assessment, parent training, staff training, etc.). Provides support for the activities of school-based services. Completes weekly tracking reports for supervision, direct and consultation services on time. Establishes and coordinates systems for the review of individual student progress and data-based modification of student learning programs.

Oversees the implementation and evaluation of therapeutic programs. Maintains a high quality of service and high standards for program design, staff development, and therapeutic services provided to clients. Provides direct clinical services minimum of 20 hours per week, supervision and consultative services totaling a minimum of 40 hours per week. Ensures that all aspects of program follow and meet all state and insurance compliance guidelines, and best practice from the BACB. Fills in when needed for administrative duties for ACNM, as required. Supervises and manages the clinical responsibilities of ACNM. Manages staff training programs by identifying staff training topics, coordinating training schedules, and evaluating overall effectiveness of staff training initiatives. Oversees the recruitment, hiring, training, and supervision of staff, as required. Facilitates presentations, workshops and social skills when delegated by Executive Director. Works as a team member and reports all matters of concerns to the Executive Director. Performs responsibilities of HIPAA Privacy Officer for ACNM. Monitors children for signs of child abuse, and reports incidents of suspected abuse to appropriate staff and personnel immediately. Attends meetings, events and seminars as required by ACNM.

Maintains advanced working knowledge of early childhood education and development practices and standards, and principles of applied behavioral analysis.

The Autism Center of North MS offers full time employees: Health Insurance, Medical, Vision, Dental; Short Term disability insurance, Long Term disability insurance

* Mileage reimbursement or potential use of company car, 401k with match, 128 PTO hours yearly, Holiday Pay (approx. 120 hours yearly), Up to \$400 yearly for CEU's

Competencies:

* Verbal Behavior—VB-MAPP; Natural Environment Teaching, Applied Behavior Analysis , FBA's, ABLLS, AFLS, PEAK

Required Education and Experience:

* A Master's degree in Psychology, ABA or related field.

* Minimum of five plus years of experience directly supervising and working with children with autism or other developmental disabilities in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis, or any similar combination of education and experience.

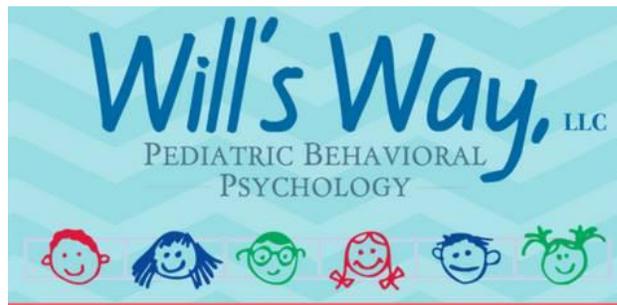
* Must be a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, BCBA-D, or possess a comparable license.

* Three (3) or more years' experience in a clinical supervisory role.

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If you would like to advertise your business, post job listings, write an article, share a recent publication, share research endeavors or have something you'd like to share in the next Newsletter, contact Dorothy Scattone at info@baams.org.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings from the presidency!

We have a very busy upcoming fall with many conferences and training opportunities. Please see the first page for more information. Thank you to Dr. Jim Moore who recently provided a workshop on PEAK in Tupelo with many BCBA's in attendance!

In September, there are two great opportunities for continuing education in our state. First, Mr. Tim Courtney of Little Star ABA in Indiana will be in Hattiesburg, MS on September 7th from 9-5 offering a workshop on writing medically necessary treatment plans. If you work in private practice, you understand the demands that insurance companies place on us as professionally to link our treatment plans (i.e., ABLLS and VB-MAPP to the DSM-5 criteria) and how challenging this can be! Registration is being handled through Little Star and can be reached at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/navigating-the-10th-circle-of-hell-a-road-map-to-writing-medically-necessary-treatment-plans-tickets-48131096405?aff=efbeventtix>

Thank you to Will's Way Pediatric Behavior Psychology for sponsoring this event.

Secondly, the Mississippi Psychological Association is hosting their 69th Annual Psychology Convention in Biloxi, MS at the Golden Nugget Casino from September 12 – 14th. There is a pre-convention workshop by Dr. Emily Sandoz on Acceptance and Commitment Therapy on Wednesday September 12th from 8:30am – 3:45pm. A separate registration is available, although I can't guarantee CEs for BCBA's. However, it is a great opportunity to learn more about ACT if interested. There is also a Medical Billing and Coding Workshop for

Mental Health on Friday, September 14th for those of you who bill both ABA and Mental Health. Visit www.mpassoc.org for more information.

Tune in next newsletter for more updates on the 2019 conference. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about the conference please contact myself, Breanna Newborne, Kimberly Bellipanni (APBA representative) or Meleah Ackley (ABAI representative).

Thank you,
Dannell Roberts, Ph.D., BCBA-D
President – BAAMS