



TENNESSEE  
ASSOCIATION FOR  
BEHAVIOR  
ANALYSIS

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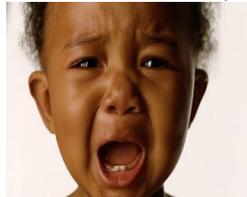
**Mission: "To advance awareness, development, and access to the practice of behavior analysis in the state of Tennessee"**

## **What We Do:**

- Encourage the understanding of behavior analysis in academic, research, and natural environments;
- Support the design and application of effective behavioral procedures to improve the quality of life of citizens of Tennessee;
- Serve as a professional reference group for those who identify themselves as scientists or practitioners in disciplines that embrace the principles and practices of behavior analysis;
- Advise political, legislative, and policy-making bodies with respect to all matters pertaining to behavior analysis;
- Organize an annual conference that serves as a forum for the presentation of scientific and technological achievements, clinical practice, as well as for discussion of the affairs of the organization;
- Publish and distribute information on behavior analysis.

## **What is Behavior Analysis:**

- Behavior analysis is the scientific study of behavior and learning. It is often called behavior therapy, behavior modification, or behavior intervention. It is primarily known as applied behavior analysis (ABA).
- In general, behavior analysis is used to teach individuals, caregivers, and professionals how to:
  - Decrease problem behaviors through prevention and responsive measures
  - Increase an individual's appropriate communication skills
  - Increase an individual's ability to function at home, school, community, and work places



## **Who Do We Serve:**

- Most behavior analysts work with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This includes, but is not limited to, autism spectrum disorder.
- Applied behavior analysis (ABA) is an evidence-based treatment for autism, and is endorsed by the U.S. Surgeon General and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

## **How Can We Help:**

- Behavior analysts help Tennessee citizens by providing evidence-based treatments.
- Behavior analysts help Tennessee fiscally by changing behaviors early to save money:
  - For example, without behavior analysis, care for an individual with autism costs Tennessee ~\$3.2 million over a lifetime (Ganz, 2007).
  - Early behavior analysis can save over \$1 million per child with autism over a lifetime (Jacobsen et al., 1998)
- The Tennessee Association for Behavior Analysis can provide policy and legislative guidance to further benefit Tennessee residents behaviorally, and the state fiscally.