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## 2014 Conference Announcement

The Executive Council of the North Carolina Association for Behavior Analysis (NCABA) is very pleased to announce that the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference is to be held in Winston-Salem at the **Twin City Quarter, Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> through Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014**. The Twin City Quarter is comprised of the [Embassy Suites](#) and [Marriott Hotels](#). The Twin City Quarter is within walking distance from the Stevens Center at the North Carolina School of the Arts, the Winston-Salem Arts District and numerous restaurants with both upscale and casual dining. Close by are the campuses of Wake Forest University & Winston-Salem State University, historic Old Salem, and the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, SciWorks, Diggs Gallery and the Hanes Shopping Mall. The Twin City Quarter is located ten minutes from the Smith-Reynolds Airport and 20 minutes from the Piedmont Triad International Airport.

Speakers from within North Carolina and across the country will present behavioral analytic research and applications. We are very fortunate to have a number of extremely talented behavior analysis professionals, researchers, and scholars who have agreed to present at the conference. Among the invited speakers are **Dr. A. Charles Catania** (University of Maryland, Baltimore County), **Dr. Cynthia Anderson** (Appalachian State University), **Tamara Kasper** (The Center for Autism Treatment, Inc.), and **Dr. Dennis Reid** (Carolina Behavior Analysis and Support Center). **Drs. Catania and Anderson** as well as **Tamara Kasper** are confirmed presenters of a variety of both pre- and post- conference workshops. A more complete listing of the conference and workshop presenters will be announced soon.

A Vendor/Poster Session will again be held with cash awards for best posters in the undergraduate student, graduate student, and professional categories, and a Social with refreshments, music, and dancing will round out the conference events. BCBA credits will be available for approved conference and workshop sessions and an application will be made to provide NCPA credits for psychologists for each of the workshops. A general certificate of credit will also be provided to all attendees. In an effort to support student participation and attendance, opportunities for the conference registration fee to be waived will be available to student members again this year. Opportunities to “sponsor” students in supporting their attendance to the 2014 Annual Conference will also be available. Please look out for our future announcements for more details.

Information about the NCABA’s 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, including direct links to the hotel booking pages, is available at [www.nc-aba.com](http://www.nc-aba.com). Updates on the conference will be posted on the website as planning continues and will be included in the December newsletter sent to all members. Please mark your calendar for this upcoming event. We very much look forward to seeing you in Winston-Salem in February of 2014!

~Kristie Thompson, President~

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### NCABA 2013 Elected Officials

- **President**  
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- **Student Representative**  
Amy Inman

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## Nominations Sought

NCABA is seeking nominations for **Vice President, Member at Large, Secretary, and Student Representative** to serve on the executive committee. Nominations are also being taken for the Fred S. Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award, the Technical Utilization Award and the Student Scholarship Award to be presented at the conference. All nominations for awards and executive committee positions must be postmarked by January 1, 2014.

Please submit nominations to Chris Wensil at:  
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### ~Executive Committee Positions~

Nominations for these positions are open to all NCABA full members, and may be made by self-nomination or nomination by another person. A description of each of the positions can be found on our website at [www.nc-aba.com](http://www.nc-aba.com)

### ~Fred Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award~

The purpose of this award is to recognize a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of behavior analysis in North Carolina and whose work demonstrates the highest quality in the application of behavior analytic principles.

### ~Technical Utilization Award~

The recipient will receive complimentary conference registration to the NCABA conference in February, 2015, and a monetary stipend toward conference expenses. To qualify, the candidate must not have received formal, graduate level training in behavior analysis, but have demonstrated proficiency in applying behavioral technology in his or her work.

### ~Student Scholarship Award~

The award includes a complimentary conference registration to the 2015 NCABA Annual conference and a \$100 stipend to defray costs. The award will be granted to a student who has advanced course work and practical experience in behavior analysis, and who would benefit from attending the conference. The sponsor who nominates the student should be a faculty member or internship supervisor who can briefly indicate how the student's work demonstrates potential for behavior analysis application in North Carolina.

## 2013 Award Recipients

**Fred S. Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award**  
 Ruth Hurst, Central Regional Hospital

**Technical Utilization Award**  
 Sara Carbone, Carolina Center for ABA

**“Do Things” Award**  
 Jeannie Golden, East Carolina University

**Student Scholarship Award**  
 Adrienne Anderson, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

**Professional Poster Award**  
 Sarah Hodges, The Mariposa School  
*A Systematic Replication of Teaching Effective Hand Raising to Children with Autism during Group Instruction*

**Graduate Student Poster Award**  
 Adrienne Anderson, M.Ed., University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
*Using Progressive Video Prompting to Teach Students with Moderate Intellectual Disability to Shoot a Basketball*

**Undergraduate Student Poster Awards**  
 Alyssa Gandhi, University of North Carolina at Wilmington  
*Reinforcer Assessment of Tasks with Preschool Aged Children*

## NCABA Membership & Conference Attendance

<i>Membership 2013</i>			
Full Members	Paraprofessional	Student	
<b>155</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>60</b>	
<i>Conference 2013</i>			
Full Member	Paraprofessional	Student	Non-Member
<b>122</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>10</b>

## NCABA Officials Elected in 2013

- **Callie Plattner**, *Carolina Center for ABA*, Vice President
- **Nancy Poteet**, *J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center*, Treasurer
- **Chris Wensil**, *The Mariposa School*, Member at Large
- **Amy Inman**, *University of North Carolina at Charlotte*, Student Representative

## NCABA Financial Report

Cash 01-01-13	\$32,337.53
Total Revenue	\$26,795.75
Total Cash 2013	\$59,133.28
2013 Expenses	\$28,441.53
Balance July 31, 2013	\$30,691.75

## 2013 Conference Summary

The NCABA Executive Committee would like to extend a big thank you for supporting and attending the NCABA 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference that was held at the Hilton Wilmington Riverside in Wilmington, NC, February 20-22, 2013. The conference included three pre-conference workshops, two post-conference workshops, seven invited addresses, one invited panel discussion, a student symposium and nine concurrent sessions devoted to the topic of behavior analysis, as well as our annual poster session, social, and silent auction events.

The topics presented at the pre- and post-conference workshops varied, including Discrete Trial Behavior Games for In-Home and Center-Based Programs (featuring the Cipani Get Me Game) (Ennio Cipani, Ph.D., Professor, National University), Changing Contingencies to Promote Moral Behavior in Children (Jeannie Golden, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Professor, East Carolina University, Lori Stuart, LPA and Bryan Crisp, LMFT, BCBA, Consultants, Behavioral Consultation and Psychological Services), Behavioral Parent Training: What to Do and How to Do It (Keith D. Allen, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Professor of Psychology, Munroe-Meyer Institute for Genetics and Rehabilitation), Clinical Challenges for Functional Analysis Methodology (Brian A. Iwata, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Professor, Psychology and Psychiatry, University of Florida) and The Compassionate Use of Exposure Strategies in Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (John Forsyth, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology and Director of the Anxiety Disorders Research Program, University of Albany, SUNY). A total of 81 people participated in the pre-conference workshops and 96 participated in the post-conference workshops. Each workshop provided 3 CEUs for psychologists and Board Certified Behavior Analysts.

A total of 222 people attended the 2013 conference. We were extremely fortunate to have a number of individuals preeminent in the field in attendance and several provided invited addresses that were well attended. Special appreciation is given to our invited speakers including Keith Allen from the Munroe-Meyer Institute for Genetics and Rehabilitation, Dennis Reid, Director, The Carolina Behavior Analysis and Support Center, Ennio Cipani from National University, Christine Hughes from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, John Forsyth, Director of the Anxiety Disorders Research Program University at Albany, SUNY, Brian Iwata from the University of Florida and Dennis C. Russo from the Brody School of Medicine, East Carolina University.

We were fortunate to have a wonderful array of topics presented during nine concurrent sessions. Presenters included Laura Chezan, Erik Drasgow, and Christian Martin from the University of South Carolina, Wendy

Donlin Washington from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and Julie Grimes from Animalworks, LLC. Also presenting were Tom Thompson from Murdoch Developmental Center, Melanie H. Bachmeyer from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and Susan Flynn from Coastal Carolina University and Ya-yu Lo from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Finally Jeannie Golden from East Carolina University, Lori Stuart from Behavioral Consultation and Psychological Services, Bryan Crisp, consultant, Rob Melin from Federal Correctional Institution, Charles Wood, Crystalyn Schnorr, and Julie Thompson from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Keri Bethune from James Madison University presented during the concurrent sessions.

At the opening of the conference, Jim Phillips acknowledged the many ongoing contributions of the NCABA Board Members with respect to making NCABA a vital organization and in putting the 2013 conference together. Some very deserving individuals received awards and a big round of applause during the opening session. Ruth Hurst received the Fred Keller Excellence in Behavior Analysis Award. Sara Carbone received the Technical Utilization Award. Adrienne Anderson received the Student Scholarship Award, and Jeannie Golden received the "Do Things" Award. Congratulations to all award recipients!

The NCABA Student Representative, Crystalyn Schnorr from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, did a wonderful job of organizing and chairing our Student Symposium. Student presenters included Ashley Bouknight Wingard, MS from East Carolina University, Kimberly Bunch-Crump, M. Ed. from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Julie L. Thompson, M. Ed., from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Shannon Brooks, from East Carolina University. Following the symposium, a student gathering was held to provide time for students to network with other students and meet and talk with Student Representative candidates prior to voting.

The poster session included posters from graduate student researchers as well as practicing professionals. This year, we awarded prizes to outstanding posters in three categories: undergraduate, graduate and professional. The winning poster presenters are listed in the NCABA History along with the other Award recipients for 2013.

Our silent auction profit, raffle ticket sales, and sponsorship and advertisements for the 2013 conference brought to the association more than \$685. This money

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will help defray future conference expenses and help in the sponsorship of student attendees. Thanks to all who donated or purchased an auction item and to those who purchased raffle tickets. Congratulations to Tom Thompson, the winner of the raffle prize. Special thanks also to all sponsors for supporting NCABA.

During our annual NCABA Business Meeting, newly elected officers were announced and are listed on the Home page along with a link you can use to contact them by email. The Board welcomes Callie Plattner back to the Board in the position of Vice President. Welcome to Chris Wensil, Member at Large. Beth Schmitt will continue to serve as the NCABA Secretary and Nancy Poteet will remain the Treasurer. The student membership elected Amy Kemp-Inman University of North Carolina at Charlotte, as the Student Representative for the 2013-2014 year. Welcome to all the new members.

Deserving special mention are Jamie Clary, Ruth Hurst, Fred Spooner, and Duke Schell who serve non-voting, but essential functions for the NCABA Board. Jamie Clary is a non-voting Board member serving as our NCABA Web Editor. Ruth Hurst will remain on the Executive Council as the University Liaison and to share with us any progress regarding the state's licensing issues. Fred Spooner will continue to serve as the Senior NCABA Board Advisor, and Duke Schell will remain as our liaison the ABAI and other related groups. I want to thank outgoing board members Mark Stafford, Past President, Natalia Acosta-Krum, Member at Large and Crystalyn Schnorr, Student Representative. I would like to send special appreciation to all of the members of the Executive Council who worked so hard to make the NCABA 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference a successful event for all. Lastly but not the least, a thank you to Ken Merritt, for providing the entertainment, getting our attendees to sing and dance, and for giving us a great social! On behalf of the NCABA Executive Council, we hope to see you (both old and new faces) next year for the NCABA 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference to be held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

~Jim Phillips, Past President

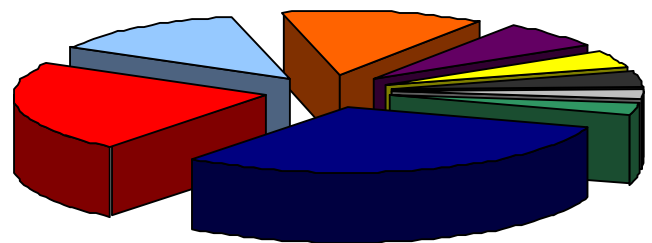
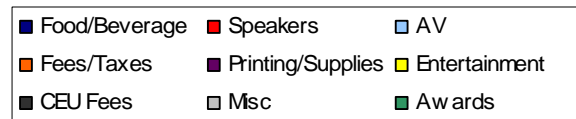
### Where Does My Money Go?

Ever wonder what the NCABA board does with your membership dues and conference fees?

The costs associated with the 2013 conference were \$20,567.00. This total includes more than \$7,000 for food, beverages, and entertainment at the social.

Why so much? Well, hotels typically charge us \$35 for a gallon of coffee and since we usually have at least 9 gallons at each break that adds up to \$315 per break in coffee alone. The cookies we all enjoy are \$31 per dozen, snack mix is \$22 per pound, and soft drinks and bottled water are \$2.50 apiece. You can see how it adds up quickly.

Conference expenses also include AV equipment rental (\$2,700), awards/honors (\$570), fees we are charged to provide NCPA and BCBA credits (\$650), printed materials distributed at the conference (\$1,400), and service fees charged by the hotel (\$2,000). NCABA also reimburses our out-of-state invited speakers for their travel to and from the conference, lodging, and food. This year the average cost per speaker was \$1,200. Please refer to the pie chart below for a breakdown of expenses.



### Future Survey - We Need Your Help!

The Executive Committee of NCABA will be sending out surveys in the near future to gain more knowledge about the backgrounds of our membership and to determine the direction in which the membership would like to see the association move on various issues related to the practice of behavior analysis.

Your voice in this is very important and will help in guiding your organization to focus your dollars and the volunteer hours of your elected officials in the future. Surveys will require your name, but once you are verified as a current member your name will be disassociated from your answers before they are viewed.

We look forward to learning more about our membership and gaining your valued opinions!

## Welcome to North Carolina



*Please join NCABA in welcoming Dr. Cynthia Anderson to North Carolina. We look forward to her contributions to behavior analysis with Appalachian State University and with NCABA.*

Anderson holds the Stanley R. Aeschleman Distinguished Professorship in Psychology, the first person named to the position that honors a former provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs and chair of the psychology department.

Anderson most recently was a professor and chair of the Department of Special Education and Clinical Services at the University of Oregon. She holds a doctorate and master's degree in clinical child psychology from West Virginia University and is a Board Licensed Psychologist and a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

She is considered one of the top young scholars in the fields of applied behavior analysis and positive behavior support in schools. Anderson's research interests focus on behavior analysis and better understanding what interventions are effective and why they are effective.

"I have a real interest in research to practice – taking things that have been studied in clinical, tightly controlled settings and figuring out how to make them work in real-world settings," she said. "In particular, my research to practice has focused on schools and families in community settings. I'm also very interested in figuring out how to integrate those two. All too often psychologists work in schools or with families. I think we need to be able to train researchers or practitioners to work effectively in both settings."

Anderson's research also looks at childhood behavior problems, including typically developing children and individuals with severe disabilities such as autism and intellectual disability who might engage in behaviors such as self-injury or aggression.

"With both of those populations, problem behaviors are a predictor of a very poor outcome," Anderson said. "Individuals with disabilities who engage in behaviors such as self-injury or aggression are at much higher risk of being institutionalized, at risk for being placed on lots of medication, and ultimately for abuse and neglect."

Typically developing children who engage in behavior problems at a young age are often rejected by adults and peers, Anderson said. "As a result, they are more likely to join deviant sorts of peer groups and are more likely to drop out of school and become at risk of being involved with the justice system. Psychology interventions can help prevent the development and exacerbation of these behaviors," she said.

Anderson's research has been published in the *Journal of School Psychology*, *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, *Focus on Exceptional Children*, *Behavior Analysis in Practice* and *Preventing School Failure*, among other publications. She also is the author or co-author of more than a dozen books and book chapters related to behavioral intervention.

The \$1 million Stanley R. Aeschleman Distinguished Professorship in Psychology endowment was funded by a \$400,000 gift from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, \$333,000 from the Distinguished Professorship Endowment Trust Fund established by the N.C. General Assembly in 1985, a \$250,000 Spangler Foundation Grant and private contributions.

Portions of the announcement have been posted here. You can read the complete announcement by going to the University News page on ASU's website at: <http://www.news.appstate.edu/2013/08/20/cynthia-anderson/>

## 2014 Conference Speakers\*

<b>A. Charles Catania</b> , Ph.D., Emeritus Professor, University of Maryland, Baltimore County	<b>Cynthia Anderson</b> , Ph.D., BCBA-D, Professor, Appalachian State University
<b>Tamara S. Kasper</b> , M.S., CCC-SLP, BCBA, Director, The Center for Autism Treatment, Cedarburg, WI	<b>Dennis H. Reid</b> , Ph.D., BCBA-D, Carolina Behavior Analysis and Support Center
<b>Jeannie Golden</b> , Ph.D., BCBA-D, Professor, East Carolina University	<b>Marsha B. Parsons</b> , M.A., Director, Dogwood Resource Center, J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center
<b>Julie Grimes</b> , Ph.D., Behavioral Consultant, NC Zoo & Faculty, Davidson Community College	*A complete list of speakers/topics will be made available in the December newsletter and at <a href="http://www.nc-aba.com">www.nc-aba.com</a> in December.

### Interested in Becoming a Vendor at the 2014 Conference?

Information about the many opportunities available can be found by going to the website at [www.nc-aba.com](http://www.nc-aba.com) and clicking on the Sponsorship button on the left. Options available include:

- presenting a vendor poster at the one hour poster session
- setting up a vendor table for one conference day
- placing an insert in the conference packet
- providing free items for members with your company logo.
- funding a refreshment break or meet and greet session

Contact [help@nc-aba.com](mailto:help@nc-aba.com) to discuss your sponsorship options.

### Silent Auction at an End

When NCABA was first formed we were a very cash poor organization. The board members used their own funds to pay for conference expenses when the coffers were empty. They developed a few ways to raise funds so that the conference and the organization could grow and improve. One of our fundraising activities was the Silent Auction. Initially there were some members who volunteered to solicit donations from businesses and other organizations for auction at the conference. Over the years that responsibility shifted to the board members who were each required to bring 10 items to be placed up for bid each year. As board members' requests for donations became frequently denied, and they ran out of unused wedding and holiday items, members began purchasing items to donate to this activity. Bids did not reach the amount that was paid for the items in some circumstances leading the board to question why they didn't just donate the cash to NCABA rather than the item.

Last year many of you noted that the silent auction was reduced to a single table at the registration booth containing only a few items. This change was made because, in addition to the issue with the purchased items, the revenue from the silent auction bids was less than the expenses associated with renting the room, tables, tablecloths and table skirting from the hotel. It became an expense rather than a fund raiser. This change was met with mixed reviews from our membership.

Because of these issues the traditional silent auction will not be pursued this year. If items are donated an auction may be held, but will be limited. Don't worry though...we will still raffle a two night stay and have some 25th anniversary gear available so you can spend your dollars.

If you have any suggestions for fund raising activities that our members would enjoy at the conference, please share them with us by emailing [help@nc-aba.com](mailto:help@nc-aba.com) or discussing your suggestions with any board member by clicking the email link on our website [www.nc-aba.com](http://www.nc-aba.com).

~Vicki Harper, President Elect

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## Summary of House Bill 498: Autism Health Insurance Coverage

Duke Schell, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Liaison to ABAI & APBA & ACE Coordinator to BACB

*In May 2013, the NC House of Representatives passed House Bill 498. Before the session was over HB498 was waiting for a hearing before the NC Senate Insurance Committee. The bill will likely come before that committee in the Spring 2014 session. Below are excerpted portions of HB 498 that may be of interest to NCABA members. The entire bill can be accessed at:*

<http://ncleg.net/gascripts/BillLookUp/BillLookUp.pl?Session=2013&BillID=h498>

### HB 498 Short Title: Autism Health Insurance Coverage

(a) As used in this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) Applied behavior analysis. – The design, implementation, and evaluation of environmental modifications using behavioral stimuli and consequences to produce socially significant improvement in human behavior, including the use of direct observation, measurement, and functional analysis of the relationship between environment and behavior.

(3) Behavioral health treatment. – Counseling and treatment programs, including applied behavior analysis, that are both of the following:

a. Necessary to (i) increase appropriate or adaptive behaviors, (ii) decrease maladaptive behaviors, or (iii) develop, maintain, or restore, to the maximum extent practicable, the functioning of an individual.

b. Provided or supervised by (i) a Board Certified Behavior Analyst or (ii) a licensed psychologist or licensed psychological associate, so long as the services performed are commensurate with the psychologist's training and experience.

(10) Treatment for autism spectrum disorders. – Any of the following care or related equipment ordered for an individual diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder by a licensed physician, or a licensed psychologist who determines the care to be medically necessary:

- a. Behavioral health treatment.
- b. Pharmacy care.
- c. Psychiatric care.
- d. Psychological care.
- e. Therapeutic care.

(b) Every health benefit plan shall provide coverage for the screening, diagnosis, and treatment of autism spectrum disorder for individuals 23 years of age or younger. No insurer shall terminate coverage or refuse to issue, amend, or renew coverage to an individual solely because the individual is diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder or has received treatment for autism spectrum disorder. Individuals must have received a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder prior to the age of eight to qualify for required coverage under this section.

(c) Coverage under this section may not be subject to any limits on the number of visits an individual may have for treatment of autism spectrum disorder.

(d) Coverage under this section may not be denied on the basis that the treatments are habilitative or educational in nature.

(e) Coverage under this section may be subject to co-payment,

deductible, and coinsurance provisions of a health benefit plan that are not less favorable than the co-payment, deductible, and coinsurance provisions that apply to substantially all other medical services covered by the health benefit plan.

(f) This section shall not be construed as limiting benefits that are otherwise available to an individual under a health benefit plan.

(g) Coverage for behavioral health treatment under this section may be subject to a maximum benefit of up to thirty-six thousand dollars (\$36,000) per year.

*The following section of HB 498 is sometimes referred to as the "exemption" language in the bill because it describes the independent practice of behavior analysis by nationally certified behavior analysts.*

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 90-270.4 is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

"(f1) Nothing in this Article shall be construed to prevent a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) or a Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA) from offering services within the scope of practice authorized by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, including behavior analysis and therapy, in accordance with professional standards of the BCBA or BCaBA's certification, if both of the following are true:

(1) The BCBA or BCaBA is properly certified and in good standing with the Behavior Analyst Certification Board.

(2) The BCBA or BCaBA does not hold himself or herself out to the public by any title or description stating or implying that the BCBA or BCaBA is a psychologist or is licensed, certified, or registered to practice psychology in this State."

*The NC Psychological Association (NCPA) has published comments in opposition to certain parts of HB 498 regarding the exemption language in Section 2. Subsequently the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) and the Association for Professional Behavior Analysts (APBA) published a joint response to the concerns raised by NCPA. Over the past two years NCPA and NCABA have been involved in discussions related to the licensure of behavior analysts in NC.*

*The Association for Behavior Analysis International, of which NCABA is a state affiliated chapter, supports the science of behavior analysis but, as a member organization, does not play an advocate role in states' legislative issues related to autism insurance.*

*According to the APBA, state affiliated chapters have made local decisions regarding their level of involvement in bills regarding autism insurance or the licensure of behavior analysts.*

*Please refer to the NCABA website at [www.nc-aba.com](http://www.nc-aba.com) for articles related to the practice and licensure of behavior analysts.*

*Submitted on behalf of the NCABA Executive Committee*

## **\*Employment Opportunity\***

### **BCBA Position at PrioritiesABA**

<http://www.prioritiesaba.com>

Priorities ABA, PLLC is seeking BCBA's to provide home based ABA therapy services for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders in Eastern North Carolina.

*Other positions are available for BCBA / LPA supervisors or those seeking BCBA certification.*

Positions are available in Jacksonville, Havelock, New Bern, and Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Established in 2001, Priorities ABA employs several BCBA's providing services to families in North Carolina and Virginia.

Board Certified Behavior Analysts are needed to join our team of highly experienced professionals providing home based ABA therapy services for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Behavioral programs are created and supervised by a Licensed Psychological Associate / Board Certified Behavior Analyst (LPA / BCBA). BCBA's will provide instruction and reinforcement to enable children to acquire and maintain skills that will allow them to function with greater independence in their home and community.

We offer competitive compensation with advancement opportunities based on education, experience, location, and hours worked. Benefits include moving allowance, paid holidays, and paid vacation. This position provides an excellent entry into the field of Applied Behavior Analysis.

#### **Duties Include:**

- Complete initial and ongoing training provided by Priorities ABA
- Provide one on one therapy to children with autism spectrum disorders
- Implement treatment plans as directed by the LPA / BCBA
- Conduct educational assessments
- Provide parent and staff training
- Attend trainings, supervision, and workshops
- Work collaboratively with parents and other professionals

#### **Requirements:**

- Master's degree in psychology, applied behavior analysis, education, or related fields
- Current certification as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)
- Must be caring, positive, energetic, flexible, and motivated to learn
- Possess strong written and oral communication skills
- ABA therapy experience is not required. Training is provided.

If interested, apply by submitting cover letter and resume to [adam.spencer@prioritiesaba.com](mailto:adam.spencer@prioritiesaba.com), or for more information call 252-341-4192 and our website <http://www.prioritiesaba.com>



## Continuing Education Credit Opportunities at the 2014 Conference

A certificate will be provided for all participants indicating the number of hours for conference attendance and conference workshop attendance. Category A Continuing Education Credit for NC psychologists is currently being sought for all pre- and post-conference workshops (typically 6 Category A credits are obtainable at the conference). In addition, Type II BCBA CEUs are being sought for applicable presentations (typically 10-16 Type II BCBA CEUs are obtainable at the conference). Information on the number of credits available will be included in the December newsletter and will be posted at [www.nc-aba.com](http://www.nc-aba.com) when the application process is complete.

### Posters are being solicited for the conference

Monetary awards for Best Undergraduate Student Poster, Best Graduate Student Poster, and Best Professional Poster will be given. Anyone interested should contact Callie Plattner

at:

[callie.plattner@yahoo.com](mailto:callie.plattner@yahoo.com)

or log on to our website [www.nc-aba.com](http://www.nc-aba.com)

### Student Corner

We will be offering waived registration fees again this year for any student who volunteers to work one hour at the registration booth at the conference.

A student is anyone who attends school at least part time (enrolled in at least 6 credit hours). The available time spots will be first come first served, so make sure to register for the conference early. Registration typically opens at the beginning of December.

Also, please consider participating in other ways such as running for student representative, presenting a student paper in the student symposium or a poster at the conference. Proposals for student papers and posters can be submitted on our website at [www.nc-aba.com](http://www.nc-aba.com).

## Call for Papers!

Submit your proposal to present at the 2014 conference to be held in Winston-Salem, NC February 19 - 21st.

The deadline for submitting a paper presentation is **October 1st, 2013**.

You can submit your proposal online by going to our website at <http://www.nc-aba.com> and selecting the "Paper/Poster Submission" button on the left side.

## Submit an Article for our Newsletter

NCABA's change to a more environmentally friendly and cost effective electronic newsletter has allowed our membership to have the opportunity to submit articles for future newsletters.

*~Have you had success with a technique?~  
~Have you had a well established technique fail?~  
~Do you have an idea that you want to share?~*

The NCABA Executive Committee would like to include articles in the newsletter on varied topics related to behavior analysis and the practice of behavior analysis in North Carolina. Examples of appropriate topics are:

- innovative techniques
- case studies
- staff management/training/OBM issues
- legal and legislative issues (e.g., BCBA's in NC)
- theoretical topics
- educational applications
- getting certified (BCBA, BCaBA)
- helpful tips for practitioners
- descriptions or reviews of North Carolina programs utilizing behavior analysis
- reviews or applications of books or articles related to behavior analysis
- experimental analysis

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