

North Carolina Association for Behavior Analyst Newsletter

NCABA Annual Conference

Summary 2024



Cheers to another successful in-person NCABA Annual Conference! On behalf of the NCABA Executive Board, I'd like to thank you all for supporting our 35th NCABA Annual Conference. We were excited to be back in-person again at the Benton Convention Center in Winston Salem. With over 650 registered attendees, this was the largest conference NCABA has held to date.

The conference included a variety of invited speakers, workshops, and concurrent events with presenters from across the state and country presenting on a variety of topics. Invited speakers included: Jon Bailey, Marta "Tiki" Fiol, Elizabeth Fong, Shanna Bahry, Tara Fahmie, Maranda Trahan, Audrey Shen, Christopher Newland, and Becca Tagg.

Our speakers did an outstanding job of delivering meaningful and important content to our attendees. This year, NCABA was able to offer both NCPA and BACB continuing education credits, including supervision and ethics credits. Up to 18 BACB credits were available to participants (inclusive of 4 ethics credits and 3 supervision credits) as well as up to 17 NCPA credits.

A total of 658 registrants participated in the 2024 conference. This was an increase of 94 participants from our 2023 Conference when we had 564 registrants. NCABA was thrilled with the high level of participation and attendance.

Awards were given to several very deserving individuals during the opening remarks. Tiffany McEachern (Easterseals UCP) received the Technical Utilization Award, and Lauren Gray (Easterseals UCP) received the Student Scholarship Award.

The NCABA Student Representative, Kayla Jefferson (Mosaic Pediatric Therapy), organized an excellent student symposium for this year's conference, including presentations by Taylor Kennedy (UNC Wilmington), Alexandra Reilly (UNC Charlotte), Kyla Stephens (UNC Wilmington), and Kayla Mitchell (UNC Wilmington).

We hosted a poster presentation with the following posters winning in their respective categories:

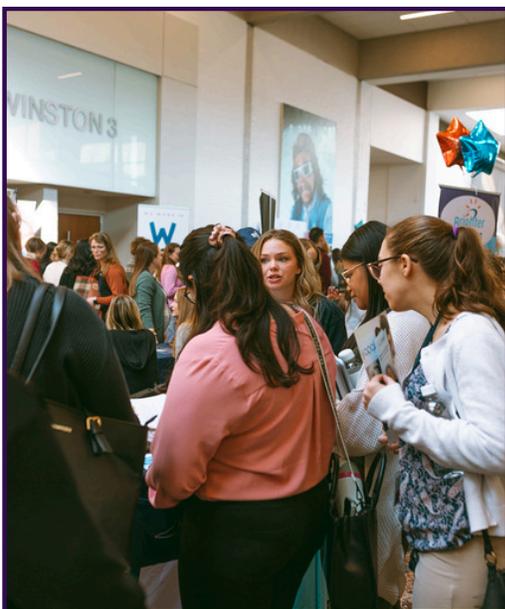
Undergraduate Winner – Rebecca Powell, Catherine Williams, and Jennifer Roop: Conceptual Learning: Are Practice and Feedback Enough?

Graduate Winner – Allie B. Ferguson: Anxiolytic Effects of Buspirone in Pigeons within a Rich-Lean Transition Procedure

Professional Winner – Daryl Williams, LBA, BCBA and Kayla Siebold, RBT: Stewarding Client-Selection of Teaching Procedures when Increasing Food Repertoire

This year's annual business meeting was well-attended. The Board welcomes Tosha Owens (East Carolina University) in the position of Vice President, Han-Leong Goh (Cross River Behavior Therapy) in the position of Secretary, Amanda Randall (Aces for Autism) in the position of Member at Large, and Kayla Terhune in the position of Student Representative.

Hope to see you again next year,
Nina Deese, MS, BCBA, LBA
NCABA Past President



9th Annual NCABA Autism Conference

Friday, August 16, 2024

- Location: Virtual
- Explore cutting-edge research and insights into Autism Spectrum Disorders.
- Gain valuable knowledge from renowned speakers and experts.
- Connect with educators, therapists, and caregivers in the autism community.
- Earn BACB Continuing Education Credits (CEs) for attending sessions.
- Engage in interactive workshops and panel discussions.



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

[HTTPS://WWW.NC-ABA.COM/EXHIBITOR-FORM/](https://www.nc-aba.com/exhibitor-form/)

The deadline to submit is July 22, 2024!

	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1-page ad to all attendees	✓	✓	✓	✓
Social media recognition	✓	✓	✓	✓
Conference email recognition	✓	✓	✓	✓
Snack Magic Box branding	✓	✓	✓	✗
Snack Magic Website digital branding	✓	✓	✓	✗
Day of Event Recognition	✓	✓	✗	✗
Snack Magic Box Swag Item	✓	✗	✗	✗
Cost	\$2500	\$1500	\$750	\$200
Available Slots	4	6	Unlimited	Unlimited

NCABA is a non-profit organization that relies on sponsorships to serve its mission of disseminating the science of behavior analysis to its members and the community at large. These sponsorships allow NCABA to keep conferences at an affordable price and aids in bringing in talented and intriguing speakers to share their knowledge and expertise. Consider sponsoring our 9th Annual Autism Conference this August 2024!



Student Corner

NCABA Conference 2025 Student Symposium: Submit a proposal to present your research at the student symposium. If accepted, you will provide a 15-20 minute presentation of your work with other students at the February 2025 annual conference. It is a great opportunity to network with other students, receive feedback from experts in the field, and interact with leaders in ABA in North Carolina.

Student Research Grant: Apply through NCABA if you are an undergraduate or graduate student and a NCABA member. The winner of the Student Research Award will receive a \$1000 grant to complete their research.

Nominations must be submitted to NCABA by January 5th, 2025.

*Best of luck to undergraduate and graduate students beginning a new semester!
Be sure to check out NCABA for resources, networking, and grant/scholarship opportunities.*

Starting to Exam Prep?

Here are Top 10 Study Resources for the BCBA Exam, as shared by Hopebridge BCBA's:

- [BDS Modules](#)
- [BOOST 5th Edition BETA Mock Exam](#)
- [Applied Behavior Analysis textbook, A.K.A., "the Cooper Book"](#)
- [PASStheBIGABAEXAM \(PTBABA\)](#)
- [StudyNotesABA](#)
- ["ABA Study Group" on Facebook](#)
- [BAS task list study guide](#)
- [ABA Wizard app](#)
- [Rogue ABA](#)

The resources listed below are provided for informational purposes only and are not endorsed by NCABA (North Carolina Autism Behavior Analysis). It's important to research and evaluate these resources independently to determine their suitability for your needs.



Something to Talk About

This section of the newsletter is dedicated to providing you with topics related to behavior analysis for discussion.

The Power of Collaboration: ABA Therapy Success

Success in Applied Behavior Analysis therapy relies on teamwork between providers, children, and parents. Collaborative service delivery models, increasingly popular in healthcare, education, and clinical settings, offer a promising avenue for advancing applied behavior analysis (ABA). However, many behavior analysts need more formal training in team collaboration with non-behavioral colleagues. His article explores and promotes the broader adoption of collaborative service delivery, emphasizing interprofessionalism. It interprets the Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) Framework's four core competency domains through a behavior-analytic perspective, aiming to operationalize concepts like cultural sensitivity, empathy, and compassion within interprofessional contexts.

[Slim, L., & Reuter-Yuill, L. M. \(2021\). Behavior-Analytic Perspective on Interprofessional Collaboration. *Behavior analysis in practice*, 14\(4\), 1238-1248. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40617-021-00602-7>](https://doi.org/10.1007/s40617-021-00602-7)

Behavior Analysis in Education

Behavior analysis plays a crucial role in enhancing educational outcomes by systematically addressing behavior and learning challenges in students. BCBA's possess specialized knowledge and skills that can significantly benefit educational settings. Collaborating with schools allows BCBA's to implement evidence-based interventions, conduct functional assessments, and design individualized behavior support plans tailored to students' needs. By partnering with educators and administrators, BCBA's can create supportive learning environments that promote academic, social, and behavioral success for all students. It is essential for BCBA's to actively engage with schools to foster collaboration, share expertise, and maximize the positive impact of behavior analysis in education.

https://www.bacb.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Behavior-Analysis-in-Education-Fact-Sheet_230306-a.pdf

ABA Provider Resources

State Insurance Coverage for ABA Therapy:

In North Carolina, ABA therapy for autism is covered under state-regulated insurance plans, as mandated by Senate Bill 676. This legislation, effective since July 2016, ensures coverage for ABA therapy under various plans, including individual grandfathered plans and large/small group plans. Services covered include psychological care, therapy, and pharmacy services administered by Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs).

Medicaid Coverage for ABA Therapy:

Since 2014, North Carolina Medicaid has provided coverage for ABA therapy under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Testing (EPSDT) program. This coverage extends to individuals under 21, provided the therapy is deemed medically necessary.

Coverage for ABA Therapy for ADHD:

Currently, there is no mandatory insurance coverage for ABA therapy for ADHD in North Carolina. Coverage is typically limited to those with a formal autism diagnosis. Individuals seeking coverage may need an official recommendation from their clinician to justify medical necessity, with decisions made case-by-case.

Coverage Caps in North Carolina:

Under state-regulated health insurance plans, coverage for ABA therapy is capped at \$40,000 annually for autistic children aged 18 and under. Medicaid does not impose caps under EPSDT, though recommendations for cost-effective treatments may be provided.

LEARN MORE FROM

[The North Carolina Behavior Analyst Licensure Board \(NCBALB\)](#).



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Resource Alert

These practice guidelines provide information about standards of care in ABA that should be used in planning, implementing, and evaluating assessment and treatment services. As a behavioral health treatment, ABA includes many distinctive clinical and delivery components. It is important for all stakeholders, including those receiving and providing services, coordinating care, administering funding, or building provider networks, to understand the essential elements of ABA.

CASP The Council of Autism
Service Providers

Applied Behavior Analysis Practice Guidelines for the Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder

Guidance for Healthcare Funders, Regulatory
Bodies, Service Providers, and Consumers

THIRD EDITION

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NCABA Membership Benefits

When you join NCABA you become part of a network of behavior analysis scientists, educators, practitioners, and students in North Carolina with whom to share research findings, educational strategies, best practices, and professional opportunities.



Save Money

Your membership includes reduced registration costs to our Annual Conference and Autism Conference



Stay Updated

Receive instant updates with important news on events and advancements in behavior analysis via our bulletin



Gain More Knowledge

NCABA members are lifelong learners of advanced developments in the science and practice of behavior analysis



Continuing Education

We offer BACB and Psychology Continuing Education Credits at our conferences



Job Opportunities

Learn about job opportunities for behavior analysts with our statewide Jobs Board



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NCABA members form a statewide professional network for sharing and receiving information, and receive access to our full Member Directory



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