



Department of Special Education/Early Intervention Services

Early Intervention Services for Young Children with Developmental Delays and/or Autism or Related Disorders

THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM SUPPORT FOR SUPPLEMENTAL IN-HOME ABA INSTRUCTION COLLABORATIVE FUNDING AGREEMENT

Pilot Program
January 2007-June 2008

In order to support intensive early intervention programs for young children who have autism or related disorders, the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS), Department of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, has developed a pilot program to provide limited reimbursement to families who have developed supplemental in-home Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) programs for their children. The early intervention pilot program is offered to children through their kindergarten year.

The reimbursement for supplemental in-home ABA instruction is offered to enhance and accelerate learning through collaboration between providers of the in-home ABA program and HCPSS staff providing services to fully implement your child's IFSP/IEP. Its purpose is to intensify your child's educational program within the Howard County Public School System and to minimize the potential need for more restrictive services.

In order to be considered for limited reimbursement the following criteria must be met:

- The child is fully participating in HCPSS services to implement the IFSP/IEP
- The in-home ABA program is targeting IFSP/IEP goals
- The in-home ABA program consultant meets appropriate criteria

Additional information may also be requested.

Parents interested in limited reimbursement for a supplemental in-home ABA program or additional information regarding this process, may call the Office of Early Intervention Services at 410-313-7017 or e-mail:

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Parents interested in reviewing a list of local ABA providers may contact the Howard County Autism Society at 410-290-6231 or e-mail:

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