

## **ABA CONSULTANTS – updated 8/2017**

The following list of agencies and ABA consultants are approved providers under the Howard County Public School System's Collaborative Funding Agreement. These individuals and agencies are not affiliates of the Howard County Autism Society or the Howard County Public School System, and their listing herein does not indicate any endorsement by the Society or System. No responsibility is assumed by the Society or System for the use of any individual or agency listed.

## **AGENCIES**

### **Alliance Pediatrics**

Jenny Slater, Office Administrator  
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[www.alliancepediatrics.com](http://www.alliancepediatrics.com)

Service Description: Verbal Behavior therapy (VB), Functional behavior assessment (FBA), Natural Environment Training (NET), Discrete Trial Training (DTT), Systematic prompting procedures, Fading, Thinning, Reinforcing behaviors, Shaping, Chaining, Generalization, Extinction, etc.

Consultant rate: \$44-54/15 minute unit (BCBA-D)  
Therapist rate: \$40.00-50.00/hr (does allow family hiring of therapists)  
Does not accept insurance.

### **The Children's SPOT**

Kimahni Peele, M.S., BCBA  
8815 Columbia 100 Parkway, Suite 4/5  
Columbia, MD 21045  
877-776-8502  
[kimahni.peele@spotofmd.com](mailto:kimahni.peele@spotofmd.com)  
[www.spotofmd.com](http://www.spotofmd.com)

Service Description: Trans-disciplinary team offers multiple, coordinated services to meet the complex needs of children. Staffed by ABA, Occupational, and Speech therapists

Consultant rate: \$115.00/hour (BCBA)  
Therapist rate: \$30/hr  
Insurance: Accepts Tricare insurance

## **Continuum Behavioral Health/Continuum Autism Spectrum Alliance**

Jamie Bassos, MS, BCBA National Director [jbassos@continuumgroup.net](mailto:jbassos@continuumgroup.net)

Meghan Hoffman M. ED, BCBA Regional Director

[mhoffman@autismspectrumalliance.com](mailto:mhoffman@autismspectrumalliance.com)

Virginia:

1651 Old Meadow Road, Suite 600

McLean, VA 22192

703-564-1662

703-216-8100

[www.autismspectrumalliance.com](http://www.autismspectrumalliance.com)

Maryland:

8950 Old Annapolis Rd, Suite 123

Columbia, MD 21045

Service Description: Home, School, Center, and Community based ABA program evaluations, consulting, development, and instruction with an emphasis in verbal behavior. Functional Behavior Assessments (FBA), behavior reduction programming and treatment, parent and staff training, BCBA/BCaBA supervision, collaboration with other professionals, IEP development and advocacy, behavior intervention plan development, contractual services to public and private schools, trained 1:1 behavior technicians, social skills groups, structured play dates, psychological assessment/testing/diagnosis, Speech and Language testing and services, Occupational Therapy services, and ABLLS-R, AFLS, and VB-MAPP assessments.

Consultant rate: BCBA/BCaBA: \$125/hr

Registered Behavior Technician: \$60.00/hr

Behavior Technician: \$50/hr (does allow family hiring of therapists, will train/assist hiring)

Does accept insurance, TRICARE, Kaiser, MD Choices, HSCSN, and United Behavioral Health

## **Imagine Wellness, LLC**

Crystal Wissinger, M.S., LBA, BCBA, E-RYT

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Laurel, MD 20723

443-741-2249

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Service Description: Imagine Wellness, LLC provides behavioral services to children with autism from 2 - 22 years of age in the home, community, and within their school. Imagine Wellness combines traditional Discrete Trial Teaching techniques with Child-lead Incidental Teaching strategies to promote linguistic, communicative social, academic, and self-help skill acquisition.

Our service offerings include:

- Behavioral consultation in home, school, and/or community
- In home program development, delivery, and management

- School observations & collaborative meetings w/ teachers and other clinicians
- Family training
- 1-on-1 direct instruction
- community support and program generalization
- social skills groups
- Summer Camp
- Yoga, fitness, & wellness

Consultant rate: \$85.00-\$125.00/hour

Therapist rate: \$35.00-\$50.00/hour (does allow family hiring of therapists, will train/assist hiring)

\*Does not current have behavioral techs as part of the practice, all 1:1 care comes directly from Ms. Wissinger

Does accept insurance.

### **ICAN (Integrating Children and Knowledge)**

Cindy Onder, MA, CCC-SLP/L, BCBA

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Bethesda, MD 20817

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301-897- 0819 (Fax)

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Service Description: Consultative services for children with Autism and other Developmental Delays. Development and maintenance of home-based ABA programs (with an emphasis on B.F. Skinner's Analysis of Verbal Behavior). Training for parents, therapists, and teachers.

Consultant Rate: \$125.00/hour

Therapist Rate: not applicable, will assist families in hiring and training therapists

Clinic: does offer an in clinic option where instructors are provided

Does not accept insurance.

*\*Please note: only in-home based services are eligible for reimbursement\**

### **Little Leaves Behavioral Services**

Amie Perl or Cassie Raley

9545 Georgia Ave

Silver Spring, MD 20910-1438

202-420-8359

[info@littleleaves.org](mailto:info@littleleaves.org)

[www.littleleaves.org](http://www.littleleaves.org)

Baltimore Office:

7401 Park Heights Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21208

410-800-4427

Service Description: [ABA- Applied Behavioral Analysis Assessments and Therapy](#)  
Intensive Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy for children with autism spectrum disorders, problem behaviors, or related challenges. Home, daycare, school, and community based services based on the individual needs of your child. Incorporates a broad range of ABA strategies, often with a focus on verbal behavior. BCBA/BCBA-D case supervisors and trained therapists. We accept most major insurances. Please see our website for details. Please call for rates.

### **Little Red Car ABA Services, LLC**

1603 Edmonson Ave  
Ste 200  
Catonsville, MD 21228-4960  
443-201-2217  
410-696-7032 (fax)  
requestinfo@littleredcaraba.com  
[www.littleredcaraba.com](http://www.littleredcaraba.com)

Service Description: Home and community-based consultation, supervision, and training services for children and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders from 18 months to 21 years. Specializing in skill acquisition programs including language, play, social skills, leisure skills, academics, self-help, and independence while addressing challenging behaviors functionally using positive behavioral supports. Also offering an 8 week Play Workshop.

Consultant rate: \*\*Please contact directly for rates  
Therapist rate: \*\*Please contact directly for rates  
Does accept insurance.

### **Optimal Beginnings, LLC**

5272 River Road Suite 300  
Bethesda, MD 20816  
301-718-1716  
301-718-1766 (fax)  
hi@optimalbeginning.com  
[www.optimalbeginning.com](http://www.optimalbeginning.com)

Service Description: Provides in-home ABA therapy to children with Autism and/or developmental delays.

Consultant rate: \$150.00/hour (or negotiated insurance rate)  
Therapist rate: \$50.00/hour (or negotiated insurance rate)  
Does accept insurance.

### **The Shafer Center**

Alanna Ditman  
11500 Cronridge Drive, Suite 130  
Owings Mills, MD 21117  
410-517-1113  
info@shafercenter.com  
www.thshafercenter.com

Service Description: ABA therapy in home and in center, behavior consultation, speech therapy sessions, and assessment services

Consultant rate: \$110.00/hour (BCBA/BCaBA)  
In home and center based therapist rate: \$45 per 30 minutes  
Does accept insurance.

*\*Please note: only in-home based services are eligible for reimbursement\**

### **Snowflakes ABA, LLC**

Dannene Drummond, BCBA, LBA  
10958 Shadow Lane  
Columbia, MD 21044  
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www.snowflakesaba.com

Service Description: Our mission is to help our clients communicate effectively and learn the necessary social, educational, functional, and adaptive skills to lead a happy and productive life, and to give their families the tools necessary to aid them in their journey.

Consultant rate: \$125.00/hour for collaborative funding clients.  
Collaborative Funding Therapist rate: \$40/hour  
Accepts BCBS/Carefirst, Tricare, Aetna, Medicaid/Beacon

### **The SPARKS Group, LLC**

Anna Luehr, Director of Operations  
312 Marshall Ave, Suite 102  
Laurel, MD 20707  
240-297-3550  
[aluehr@thesparksgroup.org](mailto:aluehr@thesparksgroup.org)  
[info@thesparksgroup.org](mailto:info@thesparksgroup.org)

Service Description: Our mission is to develop programs for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders that will allow them to reach their highest potential. We provide

comprehensive services that allow us to develop individualized programs. We strive to provide Autism education, services, and products to all communities in need.

Consultant rate: \$100.00/hour (BCBA)

Therapist rate: \$40.00/hr (does not allow family hiring of therapists)

Does accept insurance.

### **Spectrum, LLC**

Heather Hooper, MA, BCBA, LBA

PO Box 164

Severn, MD 21144

(301) 346-5394

[heather@spectrumaba.org](mailto:heather@spectrumaba.org)

Service Description: Home, School, and Community based ABA consulting services for children aged 2-12 using discrete trial and verbal behavior methodologies. Additional services include functional behavior analysis (FBA), development of behavior intervention plans (BIP), social skills training, parent/staff training, BCBA/BCaBA supervision, and IEP development/advocacy

Consultant Rate: Please contact for rates.

Therapist Rate: Please contact for rates.

Does accept insurance

### **Verbal Beginnings - Home-Based Services**

7175 Columbia Gateway Dr. Ste. A, Columbia, MD 21046

(888) 344-5977

[begin@verbalbeginnings.com](mailto:begin@verbalbeginnings.com)

[www.verbalbeginnings.com](http://www.verbalbeginnings.com)

#### **Service Description:**

Verbal Beginnings provides home-based ABA Therapy focused on teaching and strengthening communication skills, social skills, behavior management, and self-help skills. Services are provided under the expertise of highly trained BCBA's who work closely with families to achieve optimal outcomes. Verbal Beginnings is focused on providing a comprehensive team approach towards treatment and parents benefit from a highly supportive administrative team. Verbal Beginnings also provides center-based speech and language services overseen by a SLP-BCBA.

Consultant rate: \$125.00/hour

Therapist rate: \$60.00/hr (does not allow family hiring of therapists)

Does accept insurance.

## **Social Beginnings**

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(888) 344-5977

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[www.verbalbeginnings.com](http://www.verbalbeginnings.com)

### **Service Description:**

Social Beginnings is an advanced social skills programming designed for children diagnosed with Autism who need support with improving and developing social skills. Sessions are 2 hours in length and cover lessons, support practice of social skills and application of social skills into natural settings. The program meets twice per week and is offered in multiple locations around Maryland and follows the school schedule. During the summer a social skills camp is offered.

**Consultant rate:** \$125.00/hour Therapist rate: \$60.00/hr (does not allow family hiring of therapists)

**Does accept insurance.**

\*\*This is community and group based