



Childhood Autism Treatment Team

Serving Jefferson, Racine, Rock, Walworth, and Waukesha Counties in southeast Wisconsin

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Services Offered:

Diagnostic Evaluations	School consultation
Intensive Intervention/ABA Therapy	Cognitive Testing
Non-intensive Consultation and Intervention	Functional Behavior Planning

Mission: CHATT team members provide autism therapy to children in 6 counties across Southeast Wisconsin. Our mission is to provide quality ABA intervention that will improve the lives of children with autism and their families. We strive to help each child reach his or her full social, academic, linguistic, and behavioral potential. We develop programs that are specific to each child's needs so that the child is best positioned to succeed in our program and in his or her daily life.

Family Participation: We understand that the family will be the child's advocates and supporters throughout his or her lifetime. Because of this, our treatment approach is heavily family-centered. We develop and maintain open communication with our families regarding treatment strategies, programming, and scheduling. Family members participate in team meetings, program development, and in the hiring and training of line therapists. Families also consult regularly with the lead and senior therapists regarding their child's progress.

What Sets Us Apart: Psychologist visits in your home: Dr. Ryan believes that she can best serve children if she sees them in their natural environment. Therefore, when a child is participating in intensive ABA intervention, she conducts her visits in the home. Parents are not required to transport the child to the CHATT office for lead therapist consultations, although this remains an option.

Highly experienced autism specialists: All of our autism specialists have years of experience in the field of autism and have been behavioral coaches. They are hand-picked by Dr. Ryan because of their leadership skills and exemplary work as behavioral coaches. The majority hold Masters degrees.

Team approach: CHATT emphasizes the team approach to treatment. We encourage all persons on the team to share ideas and suggestions regarding a child's individualized programming. We especially encourage parents, as the people who best know their child to share ideas and let us know what they believe does or does not work for each child.

Individualized treatment: Every child is different. We believe that there is no "cookie cutter curriculum" that will best serve every child. Therefore, we are continually assessing each child and creating programs that will be most effective for him or her.

Our Team: Colleen Ryan, Ph.D. – Director/Lead Therapist: Colleen Ryan holds a Ph.D. In Clinical Psychology and is a licensed psychologist. She has over 20 years of experience working with children and adults with autism spectrum disorders. She has worked with people between the ages of 16 months and 78 years old, and at all levels of functioning. She has completed research on several autism treatment methods and on the narratives of persons with high-functioning autism and Asperger's Syndrome.

Senior staff: Dr. Ryan supervises a number of senior autism specialists. Senior autism specialists develop programming, supervise line staff, and consult with the child's family and school.

Behavior coaches: The senior staff direct CHATT's hardworking team of behavior coaches who work with children day-to-day as part of a therapy team to pursue ABA therapy goals.

Eligibility: Children are eligible for intensive services if they have a diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder. *If you are interested in receiving services through CHATT, contact Dr. Colleen Ryan at (262) 370-7744.*

Payment Options:

- Most major insurances accepted
- Wisconsin Autism Waiver Funding
- Private pay

