

Eden Outreach Autism Services

Throughout the years, the demand for Eden Outreach Autism Services has grown significantly and the service array now includes comprehensive consultation services for parents, professionals and public/private agencies, diagnostic and evaluative services, and professional and parent trainings. Eden offers flexible and individualized services that may be as simple as attending a child's IEP meeting or as complex as establishing autism services in a public or private school setting.

The field of "autism consultation" is growing almost as rapidly as the increased incidence of autism. Given this backdrop, many schools, agencies, and families are still struggling to secure the "right" consultant - a consultant that comprehends the complexity of service delivery within the constraints of the individual service environments. Eden consultants offer unique competencies that are both measurable and intangible. Eden consultants truly understand the complexity of autism and set high expectations for individuals with autism, with a corresponding low tolerance of maladaptive behaviors. Understanding the challenges of autism must be complemented by a proficiency in the knowledge and techniques of the science of applied behavior analysis. Additionally, Eden consultants know how to problem solve both clinical and situational challenges, and also know when and how to access support.

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A. Consultative Services

- Program Development: To assist public and private agencies with the design of best practice services for supporting individuals with autism.
- Program Implementation: To assist public and private agencies with the implementation of best practices i.e., staff training, assessment, goal development, monitoring of technique and quantitative analysis.
- Case Management: To oversee the educational/habilitation plan of an individual or group of individuals.
- Program Evaluation: To provide program evaluation services to public and private organizations specific to autism service delivery.
- Expert Testimony: To provide expert testimony on behalf of an individual with autism and their family, or an organization.

B. Diagnostic and Evaluative Services

- Diagnostic Evaluations: Eden's diagnostic evaluations consist of an in-depth parent interview, behavioral observations and assessment on standardized measures. In addition to an opinion as to diagnosis, these evaluations contain detailed education and home recommendations.
- Speech and Language Evaluations: A master's level Speech and Language Pathologist evaluates an individual's speech, language, and communicative competence through formal and informal assessment. Specific recommendations are prescribed.
- Augmentative/Alternative Communication Evaluations: A master's level Speech and Language Pathologist provides an in-depth assessment of an individual's AAC needs. Specific system selection and implementation strategies are prescribed.
- Learning Evaluations: A Learning Disabilities Teacher/Consultant evaluates an individual's cognitive/academic functioning and learning strengths and weaknesses through formal and informal assessment. Specific recommendations are prescribed.
- Comprehensive Skill Evaluations: Comprehensive Skill Evaluations assess an individual's global strengths and weaknesses in language, communication, cognitive self-care, social, and behavior functioning. Specific recommendations are prescribed.
- Full Child Study Team Evaluations: Eden's full Child Study Team Evaluations consists of a psychological, social, speech and language, and learning evaluations conducted by certified professionals. The evaluations are well coordinated and specific recommendations are prescribed.
- Functional Behavior Assessments: A Board Certified Behavior Analyst provides an in-depth assessment of an individual's behavior functioning. Both formal and informal assessments are utilized to determine the function of behavior. Specific strategies to remediate the maladaptive behavior are prescribed.

C. Training

- Autism and Behavior Technology Trainings: One, two, and three-day trainings are offered covering the topics of autism and applied behavior analysis. Focus of the workshop is on understanding the characteristics of individuals with autism and how ABA techniques can effectively be applied. The three-day training included hands on practicum.
- High-Functioning Autism/Aspergers Trainings: This one day workshop focuses on the understanding of the unique characteristics of High Functioning Autism (HFA)/Aspergers. Strategies for maximizing the potential of individuals with HFA/Aspergers in academics, social language, and behavior are emphasized.
- Other: Eden has the expertise to present trainings on all clinical areas of autism and applied behavior analysis. Examples of other trainings include: Augmentative/Alternative Communication; Assessment Strategies; IEP Development; Working with Families; Behavior Management; Establishing Quality Programs; and Parent Training.

D. Intellectual Properties (Curriculum)

- The Eden Curricula was revised in 2007 through a grant from the United States Department of Education. The curricula consists of the school services which has five volumes: Cognitive, Speech and Language, Vocational, Self Care/Domestics, and Physical Education, Recreation, and Leisure. In addition, there are Infant and Toddler, Employment, and Residential volumes.
- In September 2006, Eden established Eden Innovative Learning, a web-based, competency tested training service to professionals, paraprofessionals, support staff, and parents. Courses are available online, and Eden provides follow-up and support to individuals and organizations who utilized this online training.