





## Medicaid Autism Benefit



The Medicaid and MIChild Autism
Benefit was designed to provide
intense treatment to individuals from
18 months until their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday who
meet criteria for an Autism Spectrum
Disorder (ASD).

## **Applied Behavior Analysis**

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is an evidence-based practice used with individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) to promote significant improvement in behavior. It can be used to reduce problem behaviors, and increase social skills, language and communication, safety skills, play and leisure skills, and coping skills.

ABA focuses on changing the environment in order to address behavioral difficulties and is the standard of care for the treatment of ASD.

## **ABA Treatment**



ABA treatment relies on the direct support and training of family members and other involved professionals and can take place in a variety of settings including: the community, the individual's home, or at NeMCMHA. General Practitioner referral is needed before testing can occur.