

What is Autism?

Autism, or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), refers to a range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication, as well as by unique strengths and differences. We now know that there is not one Autism, but many types caused by different combinations of genetic and environmental influences.

The term “spectrum” reflects the wide variation in challenges and strengths possessed by each person with Autism.

Autism’s most-obvious signs tend to appear between 2 and 3 years of age. In some cases, it can be diagnosed as early as 18 months. Some Developmental Delays associated with Autism can be identified and addressed even earlier. Good Kids Pediatric urges parents with concerns to seek evaluation without delay, as early intervention can improve outcomes. ABA Therapy and an early intervention can help children diagnosed with ASD achieve the most socially significant outcomes.

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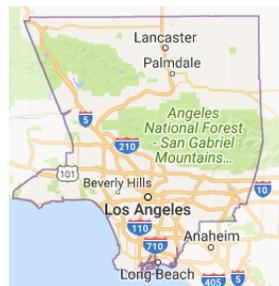
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Providing ABA & Speech Therapy for children with special needs and parent education.



Pediatric

Working with children with special needs and Autism.



About Us

As a multidisciplinary treatment group, with a focus on ABA, Good Kids Pediatric serves toddlers, children, adolescents, and young adults with developmental, neurological, and biological diagnoses. Our clinical group focuses on the child's strengths and distinct differences while developing an intervention plan that addresses his or her unique profile. Our clinical team nurtures a relationship not only with the client, but instructs, enables, and supports the entire family unit.

Founder and CEO

Mr. Araujo is the Clinical Services Director and founder of Good Kids Pediatric. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, a Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy, with an emphasis as a Licensed Psychotherapist, and Certification in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis. Mr. Araujo's background and experience consists of: Working with children diagnosed with a wide range of disorders, including Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, Emotional Disturbances, Epilepsy, and Cerebral Palsy. Additionally, Mr. Araujo is an educator for parents of children with special needs. Mr. Araujo conducts Functional Behavior Assessments (FBA's), and specializes on developing and supervising effective ABA Therapy treatment programs.

Multidisciplinary Approach

We use a multi-dimensional therapy form that includes everything from pronunciation guidance to the usage of AAC devices to social skills exercises. Our therapists have many years of education and experience working with children with Autism and speech deficits.

Services: Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy & Speech Therapy

Autism Treatment

At Good Kids Pediatric we design individualized ABA Therapy programs specifically designed to help children diagnosed with Autism or on the Spectrum improve independence and to ensure long-term success. Our goal is to empower families impacted by Autism and other Developmental Delay conditions live the best quality of life that they can live.

ABA Therapy

At Good Kids Pediatric, we determine the best behavioral support systems to help your child be successful at school, at home, and in the community. Since each child's personal deficits and strengths are different, we tailor goals accordingly with their functional level. We then begin individualized therapy, providing the most innovative and personalized form of therapy for each individual according to their symptoms and behavior. At Good Kids Pediatric, we use evidence-based ABA techniques, proven to treat Autism.

Innovative Treatment

We embrace a comprehensive view of communication by evaluating and enhancing the following: initiation of spontaneous communication in practical events across social buddies in surroundings, understanding of verbal and non verbal communication in social and public settings. Therapists encourage reciprocal social interactions.

Social Skills: Pragmatics is the domain of language function that handholds the use of language in social environments, such as knowing what to say, in what way to say it, and how to say it. Individuals with language difficulties have great trouble using language in socially appropriate ways. They may disrupt unreasonably or talk inappropriately about things the hearer shows no interest in. Social Skills are controlled on from the basics of turn taking to collaborative gaming, communicating, or constructing.

Community Based Skills: Our community based interventions help in many domains of our clients' lives. Being in the community exposes clients to a diversity of skills, enhances chances for ordinary communication, choice making, and sharing. The community offers opportunities for problem solving skills that are valuable, beneficial, and functional. AAC is incorporated in ways that are natural to the context.

Speech Therapy

Speech therapy is a type of intervention therapy that focuses on improving a child's speech and abilities to understand and express language, including nonverbal language. Speech therapists, work under supervision of Licensed Speech Language Pathologists (SLPs). Speech therapy includes two components: 1) coordinating the mouth to produce sounds to form words and sentences (to address articulation, fluency, and voice volume regulation); and 2) understanding and expressing language (to address the use of language through written, pictorial, body, and sign forms, and the use of language through alternative communication systems such as iPads. In addition, the SLPs and speech therapists focus on the core symptoms of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and work closely with ABA therapists ensure progress in all domains.