Support to children and families to change problem behaviors at home, school and the community.

WHAT IS A BEHAVIORAL SPECIALIST CONSULTANT (BSC)?

A BSC is a professional who has received specialized training in assessing and treating behavioral problems that can affect a child’s emotional growth or learning abilities. While the duties of a BSC may change depending on the specific issues a child is experiencing, BSCs are usually responsible for:

- Engaging families in proven methods for changing problem behaviors
- Teaching and modeling appropriate coping skills
- Empowering parents/caregivers to develop healthier responses to behaviors
- Providing behavioral assessments
- Developing and overseeing the implementation of an individualized treatment plan.
- Providing assistance to resolve identified issues

Our BSCs are trained in applied behavior analysis (ABA), a tested approach that is proven to be highly effective in fostering positive behaviors. Additionally, our BSCs work closely with the child/youth’s parents, caregivers and teachers to ensure that they achieve treatment goals.

WHAT IS A THERAPEUTIC SUPPORT STAFF (TSS)?

A TSS works under the supervision of the child’s BSC to carry out the interventions outlined in the child’s treatment plan. The TSS meets with the child one-on-one, or with the family, in the school, community, or home setting. While the responsibilities of a TSS will vary depending on the goals and objectives outlined in the child’s treatment plan, generally they will work on goals pertaining to:

- Developing social skills
- Modifying problem behaviors
- Redirecting the child to appropriate behaviors
- Working on strategies to increase positive behaviors

HOW TO GET STARTED:

- Participants must first be authorized to receive Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services and have a qualifying behavioral or mental health diagnosis from a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist.

- Parents and guardians can make a direct referral for the BHR5 program by contacting the Barber National Institute. Social Skills Development may then be recommended through a psychological evaluation or an Interagency Service Plan Team (ISPT) meeting.

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Call 814-878-5945

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