



**Center Question & Answer**  
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**Q/A to help parents understand our center program:**

1. I already do ABA services in the home, why would I want to consider the center?
  - a. Center based services are not the same as your child's home based sessions. Center services are different than home based sessions (as detailed below) and some benefits of a center include:
    - i. Opportunities to learn as part of a group with their 1:1 interventionist
    - ii. Social skills instruction
    - iii. Treating behaviors and learning in an additional environment enhancing generalization (or more solid learning)
    - iv. Learning can occur without the history that is present in the home (e.g. no history of trying to get the parent to \_\_\_\_\_ him/her)
    - v. Parent does not have to be present throughout session and child gets to go to center to have fun with other kids
    - vi. More activities can be planned at a center and thus increased fun for your child
2. What could my child get at the center that s/he cannot get in home based sessions?
  - a. In a center, your child can learn with and amongst other children. Because other children are present at the center, we are able to set up for small and large group learning opportunities and to simulate classroom like learning for your child. In summary, center based services are not the same as your child's home based sessions.
3. If we do sessions at the center, would we still also do sessions at home?
  - a. This depends on the Clinical Managers' recommendation.
4. How will I keep updated of what my child is working on if his/her sessions are at the center and not at home?
  - a. This is a perfect topic for parent training and your Clinical Manager can show you progress data.
5. Is the center ABA services but just in a different location?
  - a. No but this is a common confusion. In the center, your child will have some instructional time that might resemble that of what occurs in the home but the center offers many more possibilities (as detailed throughout).
6. Are there certain skills my child should have before I enroll him/her?
  - a. No, very beginning skills (and very advanced skills) can be taught at the center.
7. How does funding for the center work?
  - a. Your insurance covers your ABA services and the center is all ABA services. Therefore, services are funded via your insurance.
8. Is the center like classes for my child?
  - a. Some types of instruction may resemble a class for your child. We are able to offer small group workshops that are content specific and therefore might resemble taking a class on paper mache'

9. What workshops are available?
  - a. Our workshop schedules are available on our website.
10. What hours is the center open?
  - a. The center is open 8 am- 5 pm in Santa Cruz and 8 am- 7 pm will be offered in Camarillo CA.
11. Do I have to stay with my child when s/he is at the center?
  - a. No you can drop off your child with completed emergency contact form.
12. What are the ages of children who attend the center?
  - a. Ages 2-12 (broken into smaller groups).
13. Do the children at the center have skills or similarities to behaviors and deficits that my child has?
  - a. No, the children are diverse and different. We communicate regarding students with particular strengths and particular learning targets in order to create small groups.
14. How do I know that the center will be a 'good fit' for my child?
  - a. You can discuss with your Clinical Manager and can also attend open house meetings at our center.
15. Can I observe at the center in order to decide if I would like my child to attend?
  - a. Please speak with your Clinical Manager about this option.
16. Should I be concerned about negative behaviors my child may learn from other children at the center?
  - a. We understand how to minimize any potential of this. Children will in, in fact, learn from each other but they can also learn from watching one another learn what not to do also!
17. Is the center like a school for children with autism?
  - a. No, it's different than a school.
18. As an alternative, can my child go to the center when he/she would typically be at school some or all of the time?
  - a. This is a complicated question because the center is not a school and we do not recommend pulling your child from school as a general rule but please talk about the specifics with your child's Clinical Manager.