



## Autism Spectrum & Developmental Disabilities

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## Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Resources and Information

### ABA Results (Peer-Reviewed Literature)

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## Organizations' Position Statements

- Autism Science Foundation: <https://autismsciencefoundation.org/statement-on-use-of-applied-behavior-analysis-aba-for-autism/>
- Vanderbilt TRIAD: <https://vkc.vumc.org/news/4059>
- Autism Speaks: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/applied-behavior-analysis>



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- Association for Science in Autism Treatment: <https://asatonline.org/for-parents/learn-more-about-specific-treatments/applied-behavior-analysis-aba/>
- Autistic Self-Advocacy Network: <https://autisticadvocacy.org/about-asan/what-we-believe/>
- American Psychological Association: <https://www.apa.org/about/policy/applied-behavior-analysis>
- Autism Society of North Carolina's Clinical Department: <https://www.autismsociety-nc.org/asnc-position-applied-behavior-analysis/>

### **Non-Refereed Digital Media**

- ABA & Autism Debate:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1u5fahSS1uDXYRss6mbaQJIGOWMSLC0kiA0S84nOItu0/edit?usp=sharing>
- ABA Reform: <http://www.autisticscholar.com/aba-reform-distinguishing-meaningful-change-and-neurodiversity-lite/>
- How a therapy once seen as a victory for autistic kids has come under fire as abuse:  
<https://whyy.org/segments/how-a-therapy-once-seen-as-a-victory-for-autistic-kids-has-come-under-fire-as-abuse/>
- I was an ABA provider- Am I going to hell?:  
<https://aemuskett.wixsite.com/ashleymuskett/post/upcoming-post-i-was-an-aba-provider-am-i-going-to-hell-and-other-thoughts>
- Invisible Abuse: ABA and the things only autistic people can see:  
<https://neuroclastic.com/invisible-abuse-aba-and-the-things-only-autistic-people-can-see/>
- No excuses with Aaron Blocher-Rubin: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/no-excuses-with-aaron-blocher-rubin/id1612280988?i=1000580690198>
- The shortcomings of evidence-based practice: <http://www.autisticscholar.com/evidence-based-practice/>
- The battle over autism therapy ABA: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-battle-over-autism-therapy-aba/id772127662?i=1000581909946>