

Vision Statement:

When a child is diagnosed with cancer, health-care professionals immediately provide a coordinated effort. They develop a treatment plan using all available technology to save the child's life. There is not yet an equivalent response for children with autism in Kansas.

We foresee the day when a diagnosis of autism, like the diagnosis of many cancers, can happen with reasonable dispatch, eliminating months of indeterminate anguish for parents.

We foresee the day when the professional community in Kansas has the training and information needed to make a quick and appropriate referrals to a best practical treatment plan that can save that child's life.

IBT will apply the results of 40 years of scientific research in the area of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) in treatment that can routinely provide an ultimate outcome for a fulfilling life for children diagnosed with autism.

IBT will offer research-based treatment guided by an individualized treatment plan coordinated by professional psychologists and teachers with expertise in ABA. That plan will provide the roadmap for clinicians working with each child to facilitate the development and mastery of skills that lead to greater independence for both children and their parents. Educational programs will be directed by a team of Psychologists, and staff with advanced training in applied behavior analysis and special education. These professionals will work cooperatively with families in helping to maximize their children's independence.

Students will master skills that lead to greater independence through an educational curriculum that includes the teaching of academics and functional life skills. IBT will provide the environment for learning appropriate skills, while extinguishing undesirable behaviors. Through increased communication, social and self-help skills, children and their families will have more opportunities to participate in community life, reducing isolation. Skills will be systematically taught across settings, teachers, and parents to promote the generalization and maintenance of acquired skills.

IBT will change lives by helping children with autism reach their potential and lead productive lives as contributing members of society. Families in Kansas will not have to search in desperation for appropriate treatment and education for their children because they will have access to the technology of applied behavior analysis.

Objectives of IBT:

1. To develop the structure necessary to support ongoing activities, fund raising efforts, and obtain the funds necessary for facility expansion.

- Recruit additional Board Members willing to support both program and fund raising activities

- Recruit additional advisory board members

- Market the IBT program through board members, funders, and parents.

- Seek funding from individuals, foundations, and corporations.

- Continue to pursue grant opportunities to provide scholarships

2. To identify, secure & prepare a developmentally appropriate physical location for continued training and educational services.

- Obtain an appropriate facility.

- Obtain appropriate insurance.

- Remodel the facility as needed.

- Meet all applicable safety and regulatory standards.

4. To provide services for between 5 and 10 families per qualified behavior analyst.

- Develop Intake & Referral/Recruitment Procedures

- Establish Baseline procedures

- Create curriculum

- Create Materials for Students, Parents, Staff

- Maintain Waiting List Policies