



Who We Are

Located in Hershey, Vista was established in 2002 by innovative parents and professionals determined to meet the need for a high-quality program in Central Pennsylvania for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. At Vista, we use Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), a data-driven and evidence-based approach to the treatment of autism symptoms, to improve lives and inspire hope. Our reputation for building a true partnership between Vista and families sets us apart from others.

Early Intervention Program

Vista's Early Intervention (EI) Program is state-of-the-art Applied Behavior Analytic therapy for young children with autism. The program engages a child in a playful context to improve a range of pro-social behaviors, build meaningful connections between the child and caregivers, and decrease undesirable behaviors. Vista's EI Program offers the intensity that the research suggests is the most meaningful, with 1:1 staffing and 20 to 35 hours a week of intervention. The program operates year round, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Active family participation is key to a child's success in Vista's Early Intervention Program. Parent training enables families to replicate successful treatment strategies and routines, such as cueing and rewarding appropriate language and social skills, in the course of their daily routines at home.

Admission Criteria

- Primary diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- Must have and maintain medical insurance. Vista's EI Program is separate from county-based early intervention or Intermediate Unit (IU) services.
- Does not require nursing or medical administration services during program hours.

Vista's Commitment to Parents

- Effective behavior intervention.
- Parent training opportunities.
- Parent input to develop goals.
- Real-time access to web-based charts of child's progress.
- Collaboration with other service providers.

Parents' Commitment to Vista

- Read treatment updates and review graphs.
- Provide information to EI team, when requested.
- Attend all treatment plan meetings.
- Provide information releases and invite EI team members to relevant meetings.
- Provide transportation to and from program.
- Child's attendance at least 20 hours a week.
- Participate in parent training opportunities at least once per quarter.

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Enrollment Process

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Parents contact the program and complete wait-list forms.

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Parents schedule psychological evaluation to obtain a prescription to Vista's Early Intervention Program.

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When there is an opening in the program, a Vista representative contacts the parents to complete screening forms.

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Parents and service providers participate in an Interagency Support Planning Team (ISPT) meeting.

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After a preliminary fit is determined, an in-person assessment is held in which final determination typically occurs.

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Child starts in appropriate room based upon availability, age, strengths, and needs.

"Before starting the program, our son's social interactions with family or peers was limited. Now, it seems most every day we catch him interacting in new ways, especially with his older brother. They are no longer just existing together in our home; they are interacting, forming a bond, and creating memories together." – Emmy Sasala