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HUMAN SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA):  
2015–2016

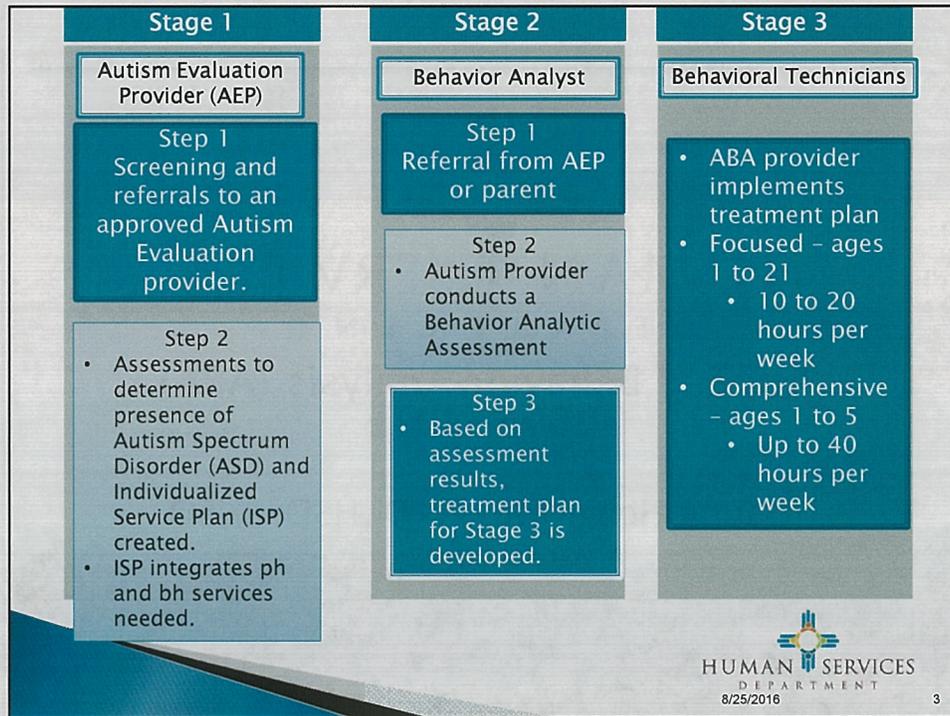
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## Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA): What is it?

- ▶ ABA treatments are interventions to change behaviors for members identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder and for those At-Risk.
- ▶ Considered the most effective treatment for individuals with autism, *it is not a cure*. It is a process in which the behavior(s) associated with the condition are treated.
- ▶ ABA services are available for Centennial Care members ages 1 to up to 21 years of age.
- ▶ Treatment involves regular assessment for progress and involves the family.



## Goals Set and Met

1. Unified understanding of the service.
2. All MCOs work together to understand the service.
3. All MCOs have staff with knowledge of ABA practices.
4. All providers contribute to development of tools (e.g., prior authorization forms).
5. All providers review tools before adoption.
6. Providers contribute to training topics.

## Working Together

- ▶ 2015
  - Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) – 8.321.2.10 became a Centennial Care behavioral health service
  - Autism workgroup – MCOs and state agencies work together on unified understanding of services
    - Providers review materials and provide feedback
- ▶ 2016
  - ECHO Autism Webinars hosted by Behavior Change Institute started in February
  - Provider and MCO trainings on prior authorization
  - Quality trainings planned for the fall

## Members Receiving Services

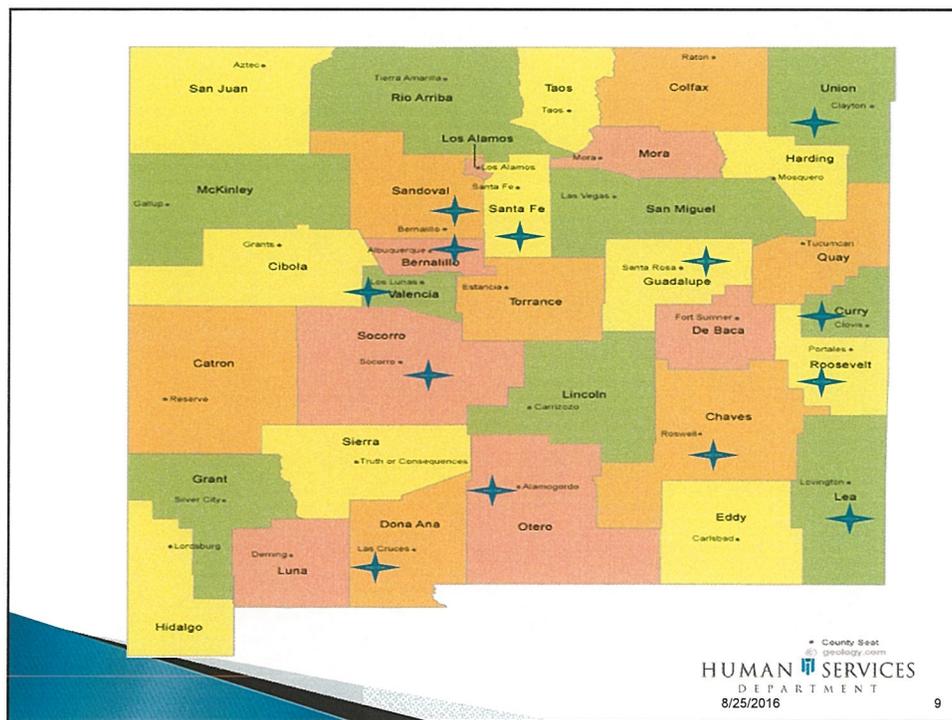
May 2015	December 2015	March 2016
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## May 2015 – Six ABA Providers

Stage 1, 2, and 3	Stages 2 and 3
Jumpstart	Aprendamos/Mariposa Autism Center
	Behavior Change Institute
	Bridges
	ENMRSH
	Pacific Child & Family Assoc., LLC

## August 2016 – 14 ABA Providers

Stage 1	Stages 1, 2, and 3	Stages 2 and 3
Martin Greer	Behavioral Health Works	Aprendamos/Mariposa Autism Center
Montanez Associates	Centria Healthcare	Autism Clinic - Guidance Center of Lea County
UNM CDD	Jumpstart	Autism Learning Partners
		Autism Spectrum Therapies
		Behavior Change Institute
		Bridges
		Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)
		Meaningful Change Learning Services, LLC



Questions?

