

At MMI, we offer:

CLINICAL SERVICES

- Community-based applied behavior analytic (ABA) services for toddlers (ages 2-5) diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders.
- Evaluation and treatment of language, play, social and daily living skill deficits, as well as assessment and treatment of behavioral excesses, such as stereotypy (e.g., hand flapping) and problematic behavior (e.g., tantrums, aggression and self-injurious behaviors).
- Services provided by undergraduate- and graduate-level behavioral therapists in various disciplines (e.g., psychology, speech-language pathology and special education).
- Training and ongoing supervision provided by Board Certified Behavior Analysts and/or Licensed Mental Health Practitioners with expertise in ABA and early intervention.
- Caregiver training in early intervention skills for families to ensure generalization and maintenance of all programs to the home setting.
- Multidisciplinary collaboration with speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists and educational providers to enhance treatment services.

TRAINING

- Eligible behavior therapists can acquire the registered behavior technician (RBT) credential through the Behavior Analyst Certification Board. The RBT credential requires applicants to meet minimum age and education standards, obtain 40 hours of acceptable training and successfully complete a competency assessment.
- RBTs receive training specific to the screening, diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders and assist with autism spectrum disorder research as part of the MMI Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Autism Leadership Academy.

RESEARCH

- To evaluate best practice treatments in the area of early behavioral intervention and autism.
- To evaluate new caregiver training procedures to teach early intervention skills in person and via telehealth.

There are a variety of departments at the Munroe-Meyer Institute, including:

- Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Developmental Medicine
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Recreational Therapy
- Speech-Language Pathology
- Education & Child Development
- Genetic Medicine
- Human Genetics Laboratory
- Pediatric Feeding
- Psychology



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Autism Care for Toddlers Clinic

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The Munroe-Meyer Institute's mission is to be a world leader in transforming the lives of all individuals with disabilities and complex health care needs, their families and the community through outreach, engagement, premier educational programs, innovative research and extraordinary patient care.



The Autism Care for Toddlers (ACT) Clinic is an MMI community outreach program located at the Autism Center of Nebraska. The ACT Clinic provides early behavioral intervention services using applied behavior analysis (ABA), which is the only research-supported treatment for autism spectrum disorders. The clinic offers one-on-one direct treatment services for toddlers diagnosed with autism to teach skills in the areas of language, play and social interactions, pre-academic skills and daily living skills.

Our ACT Clinic team believes in the importance of:

- Client services via multidisciplinary integration of treatment.
- Training through ongoing education for staff and caregivers.
- Conducting research in early intervention to provide evidence for “best practice” when implementing applied behavior analytic principles with young children diagnosed with autism.

What to expect at an Autism Care for Toddlers Clinic appointment

Each client works one-on-one with a registered behavior technician multiple sessions per week. Therapeutic activities rotate every 15 minutes and include highly structured learning opportunities via discrete-trial instruction and naturalistic environmental teaching in small-group activities (e.g., circle time, arts and crafts) and play settings.

AT YOUR APPOINTMENT, EXPECT:

- A comprehensive intake interview about your child's medical, behavioral and educational history.
- An assessment using the Verbal Behavior Milestones Assessment and Placement Program (VB-MAPP), which assesses skill level upon entry to the clinic and every six months thereafter. The VB-MAPP assessments will be used to identify areas in need of intervention, which may include skills in the areas of receptive and expressive language, adaptive behavior (e.g., self-help skills), pre-academics, social interactions or play.
- One-on-one therapeutic activities related to individualized treatment goals agreed upon by caregivers and supervisors.
- Caregiver training that supports the maintenance and generalization of new caregiver skills.

Service hours

8:15 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M. MONDAY – THURSDAY
8:15 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M. FRIDAY

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Contact Mandi Reinders to place your child on the ACT Clinic waitlist at 402-552-9756.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

unmc.edu/mmi/departments/psychology/psych-patientcare/act-clinic

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Autism Society of Nebraska
autismnebraska.org

Center for Disease Control and Prevention
cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism

WHERE WE ARE

9012 Q Street, Omaha, Neb.

