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CENTER FOR AUTISM AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



<http://prtl.uhcl.edu/autism-center>

The goals of the center are to support research on autism and developmental disabilities, train current and future professionals, and provide services to children and their families through partnerships with community organizations. Center activities take place at the UHCL Arbor South Building and in the community. Many of the services are provided at little or no cost to families and are based on ability to pay.

➤ **Project ABA-Skip**

Graduate students in the Behavior Analysis program provide individualized early intervention services to children between the ages of 3 and 15 who are diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. The interventions are designed to reduce problem behaviors and to develop age-appropriate social, self-help, school readiness and language skills. Family members, teachers, and other caregivers also learn how to continue the training methods at home and school. The services are provided at CADD through a grant-funded program administered by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. To request services, contact, Kally Luck at autismcenter@uhcl.edu or 281-283-3452.

➤ **Severe Behavior Disorders Research Clinic**

This clinic offers assessment and treatment services to children of all ages who engage in severe problem behavior, such as self-injurious behavior, aggression, and property destruction. Delivered by graduate students and faculty in the Behavior Analysis program, these services are individualized and provided as part of ongoing studies designed to identify the most effective methods of reducing severe behavior disorders. Families receive training in effective behavior management strategies to use at home. For more information, contact Dr. Jennifer Fritz at behaviorclinic@uhcl.edu.

➤ **Verbal Behavior Clinic:**

The mission of the *Verbal Behavior Clinic* is to provide high-quality services to improve the language and social skills for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. We serve clients from infancy to adulthood. Experienced graduate therapists will work with caregivers to teach a variety of skills. The skills that are targeted will be based on each client's individual needs. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, or if you would just like some more information, please contact Dr. Sarah Lechago at vbclinic@uhcl.edu.



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- **Connecting the Dots:**

Connecting the Dots (CTD) is a hands-on caregiver-training program focused on communication and behavior management of individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder ages 2 years - 18 years. Treatment focuses on decreasing problem behavior and increasing language and/or social skills simultaneously. Services are fully grant funded and are free to families. Each family will receive up to 12, two-hour individual sessions, on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday, and participate in five Saturday morning group lectures called, "Behavior over Breakfast". If this sounds like something you would be interested in, or if you would just like some more information, please contact connectingthedots@uhcl.edu.
- **Vocational Skills Assessment and Training**

These services are provided through a contract with the Texas Workforce Commission. Individuals diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder ages 16 years and older who have difficulty obtaining or maintaining employment receive vocational assessments and short-term intervention services. To request services, contact any local Texas Workforce Commission office or our program at caddvoc@uhcl.edu.
- **Autism Assessment Services**

Graduate students in the School Psychology Program provide comprehensive evaluations for students on the autism spectrum under the supervision of faculty at the UHCL Psychological Services clinic. The evaluations are designed to identify the student's condition, describe functioning levels across several domains, and make recommendations for intervention based on student needs and research-based practices.
For more information, contact 281-283-3330.
- **Group and Family Counseling**

The Graduate Family Therapy Program is teaming up with CADD to provide therapy services for couples, single parents, and siblings of children diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. These services will be focused on managing stress and relationship issues that often arise when caring for a child with special needs. Dr. Matt Brown will oversee these services and conduct ongoing research related to family needs and effective support. For more information please email to brownm@uhcl.edu or call (281) 283-3304.
- **Community Speakers Series:**

Faculty and students in the Behavior Analysis program host monthly lectures.. They are provided by the Center at no cost. The presenters provide practical information for parents and educators on effective approaches for teaching children with autism and other developmental disabilities. Speakers include graduate students of the Behavior Analysis program and area autism experts. A question-and-answer session and complimentary lunch follow each lecture. Paste the following URL into your browser to create an account, view our lectures, and RSVP.
REGISTRATION LINK: <https://apps.uhcl.edu/ORS/CADD/Account/Login>

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