



Supporting a Behavioral Approach to Speech Pathology

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Mission

Our mission is to promote the *dissemination* of behaviorally oriented speech and language research and the *application* of evidence-based practices relevant to the services provided by speech and language professionals.

Members

Our members are **speech-language pathologists, behavior analysts, and students** in these two fields who advocate a behavioral approach to address speech/language problems both clinically and professionally through empirical research.

Join SPABA!

- ✓ Plan future events and activities for our members
- ✓ Learn about upcoming educational opportunities and conferences
- ✓ Collaborate with members to generate publication ideas
- ✓ Join our Facebook page – communicate & collaborate with fellow members
- ✓ Optional listing in SPABA's dual certification database (SLP/BCBA)

A behavioral approach to Speech Pathology means... **Function-based Assessment and Treatment**

- Assess & explain speech/language responses as observable events rather than as cognitive constructs
- Analyze antecedent & consequent events surrounding target responses
- Alter antecedent & consequent events so target responses are acquired, strengthened, and maintained
- Implement treatments that are necessary, function-based, and empirically supported

Treatment & Research Areas

- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Brain Injury
- Developmental Disabilities
- Feeding & Swallowing
- Habit Disorders
- Neurological Changes
- Voice Problems

SPABA Grants Available

Each year, SPABA awards...

- **1 Research Grant** (to an MA or PhD student)
- **1 Application or Dissemination Grant** (to students or practitioners)
- Available to ABAI members who conduct empirical research or who formally promote behavior analysis among SLPs