



**IBI Services
Support for children
with
Autism Spectrum Disorders**

What is IBI?

IBI is an intensive intervention program for children with autism spectrum disorder (including Autism, PDD, PDD-NOS)

IBI stands for Intensive Behavioural intervention which is the *implementation* of the principles/theories of Applied Behavioral Analysis and Verbal Behavior.

- ABA** (Applied Behaviour Analysis) has been practiced around the world for over 50 years. IBI has become increasingly popular following the study in the 60's by Dr Ivar Lovass who used the principles of ABA to teach children with autism.
- Verbal Behavior (VB)** is the theory developed by B.F. SKINNER

ABA is the theory & IBI is the way you teach.

There are various ways in which IBI can be delivered however they all use the principles of ABA. Some programs also include Skinner's analysis of Verbal Behaviour in their teaching. While both styles have shown to be effective, IBI which includes VB has a greater focus on teaching language; specifically using manding (requesting).

Contributors to this approach can be largely accredited to :
Dr. Jack Micheal, Dr. Mark Sundberg,
Dr. Vince Carbone, Dr. Jim Partington, Dr. Patrick McGreevy

There are 2 types of Certification in ABA:

- Board Certified Behaviour Analyst
- Board Certified Associate Behaviour Analyst

The IBI implemented by our organisation is the one implemented in Canada, by our IBI consultant and founding member Jennifer Donnelly.

Why an organisation for IBI?

IBI is the only intervention programme that is empirically based and scientifically validated. Dr Ivar Lovass completed a study in the 60's on the positive results of ABA programming with children with autism. Due to the gains these children made, the study increased the popularity of ABA programming for children with autism.

This kind of teaching, generally known under the name of ABA, is implemented and recognised in many countries, including Canada, US, UK, Australia and Norway.

In Switzerland, IBI is unknown as an intervention program in special public schools for children with autism

Until today, only few parents could afford to bring over an IBI therapist from the US or Canada thus making great financial sacrifices.
To date, IBI is not recognised officially by the AI (Insurance for handicapped people)

Who can start an IBI program ?

Anyone can start an IBI program for an individual with autism regardless of age. Studies show that the younger the child is; the more likely they are to acquire more skills. IBI can begin as early as 18 months.

Our Objectives :

- To provide an IBI program under the supervision of a Supervisor who is board certified.
- To ensure a long term quality follow-up of the child's progress.
- To train individuals locally to become Instructor Therapists who will be responsible for implementing the IBI program with the children.
- To Provide Senior Therapists and Lead Therapists who conduct the monthly team meetings assessing the child's progress.
- To present workshops locally in IBI for parents, professionals, teachers and Instructor therapists. These workshops will be delivered by individuals from the Geneva Centre for autism (recording in Canada).
- To alleviate the cost of the IBI program thanks to donations and generous sponsors.

Jennifer Donnelly's references :

Jennifer holds a BA in psychology and a BA in social sciences. She is also a Board Certified Associate Behaviour Analyst.

She has more than 6 years of professional experience working on various IBI programs with autistic kids. She currently works with the Geneva Centre for Autism of Toronto, Canada. She is responsible for the IBI programs of several children and also supervises more than 20 instructor therapists.

Jennifer conducts IBI workshops regularly for parents, teachers, instructor therapists and professionals.

She has been trained by numerous professionals such as Dr. Vince Carbone, Dr. Mark Sundberg, Tammy Kasper, Holly Kibbe and Cherish Twigg, and Consultants from Autism Partnership.

Opportunities for Students

Our organisation offers several job opportunities for students who would like to experience IBI training.

For more information, please contact us.

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