



Addressing Malaysia's Growing Needs for Children with Learning Challenges

While children generally have different ways of learning from one another, children with developmental issues such as autism spectrum disorder (ASD) have increased needs when it comes to learning, according to how they present, as well as the severity of their challenges. In regards to this, childhood developmental challenges which include behaviour, speech, and social need to be addressed promptly - the earlier the intervention, the better.

The best kind of intervention for developmental and learning challenges in children is the gold standard Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA), and in Malaysia, ABC (Autism Behavioral Center), an award-winning learning centre for special needs children, is the largest ABA centre in the country.

ABA is an evidence-based early intervention method backed by long-term studies, which supports the fact that most effective intervention is early intervention. Furthermore, it should be exceptionally extensive in nature - meaning between 30-42 hours of 1:1 weekly therapy. There is evidence indicating that this is by far the best way to ensure

that children's chances of reaching their respective age-appropriate milestones are at its highest, followed by successful integration into mainstream schooling.

Picking up the Diamond Award in the category of Special Needs Children Learning Centre this year, ABC has a centre each in Bangsar, Sunway Geo, and Jalan Tun Razak, where life skills training for teens and adults are also conducted. The centre supports children with speech delays, ADHD, sensory processing disorder, behavioural and social challenges - including autism.

ABC's international standards of early intervention uses the PaTTAN (Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network) technology. The renowned centre is run under the direct supervision of a Board-Certified Behaviour Analyst (BCBA), allowing it to provide an exceptionally effective system of intervention capable of addressing our country's increasing requirement for quality programmes tailored for children with social and learning challenges.



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