

NEW ABA OUTPATIENT CLINIC

The J.D. McCarty Center is building a new Outpatient Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Clinic that will give us the opportunity to serve more of Oklahoma's children with autism.

Here's more about the clinic and our ABA program!

WHAT IS ABA?

Applied Behavior Analysis is a therapy based on the science of learning and behavior. ABA therapy programs can help:

- Increase communication, social skills, self-help skills and cognitive skills,
- Improve attention, focus, memory and academics
- Decrease problem behaviors

In outpatient ABA therapy, each child works with a BCBA who creates an individualized treatment plan based on a child's needs.

The J.D. McCarty Center provides ABA services for children who are 16 months old to 18 years of age.

ABOUT THE CLINIC

Funding for the center's \$7 million clinic is from \$6 million through federal pandemic aid that was allocated to Oklahoma through the American Rescue Plan Act and a \$1 million investment from the center.

The building will feature 14,000 square feet of space, which will allow us room to serve 30 outpatients.

"We're really excited about what we're going to be able to do moving forward," said Liz Moore, director of the ABA program.

Moore said the new clinic will help expand the number of children who can benefit from ABA therapy.

"We want to be the place that families come to when they need services for kids with autism," she said.

The new building also will have space for outreach programs, such as parent support groups and training, and create opportunities for an internship program for Board-Certified Behavior Analysts, who design and oversee ABA treatment plans for patients.

Completion of the clinic is expected in spring 2025. Our thanks to Willowbrook Construction Services and Studio Architecture for the construction and design of the project.

