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Subject: IBHS questions.

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I find strong evidence for the use of EEG biofeedback for children with ASD. I also am convinced that, by definition, biofeedback is a form of ABA. I would like to equip therapists with a laptop system, EEG and sensors and reap the benefits that other practitioners are seeing every day.

See <https://www.isnr.org/isnr-comprehensive-bibliography>

I would be happy to demonstrate the effectiveness on our clients, at our expense.

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1. Should psychologists be required to get an extra license to perform ABA services?

YES NO

COMMENTS

No. The use of learning theory is squarely within our scope of practice.

2. Should the requirement for evidence-based treatment allow modifications based on the needs of the child being treated?

YES NO

COMMENTS

Yes, of course. Psychologist have the expertise to extrapolate treatment options from research.

3. Should psychologists (or other licensed professional) be involved in the treatment plan update?

YES NO

COMMENTS

Yes. This evaluation closes the loop between treatment and assessment. Plan, do, check.

4. Should there be a transition time to allow independent practices of psychologists time to get the IBHS license?

YES NO

COMMENTS

Yes. An instant regulation update would be disruptive to the business and service delivery.

5. Should administrative directors be required to have a master's degree?

YES NO

COMMENTS

No. Our Administrator is working on her master's degree.

6. Should licensed social workers be allowed to provide services on par with other licensees trained in mental health services? (Note this is not a comment against licensed clinical social workers, but against licensed social workers).

YES NO

COMMENTS

No. I support the PPA position.

NOTE: PPA is historically very reluctant to comment on the work of other licensees. However, this does seem like an overextension of the skills of the social work license.

7. Should all ITPs require a safety plan, even if the child presents no danger to self or others?

YES NO

COMMENTS

No. I support the PPA position.

8. Should the requirement for discharge contact be limited to phone calls or may it include other HIPAA compliant forms of communication?

YES NO

COMMENTS

Yes. There are so many viable communication options now and more to come in the future.

DO I READ THESE ISSUES CORRECTLY?

Is it accurate that children with autism are limited to ABA? If so this would appear to be a problem.

Autism is a spectrum. Different strokes for different folks.

