



Summit Autism Center Improves Therapy Services for Children with Autism

ABPathfinder software allows center to spend more therapy time with children

Atlanta, GA. (January 7, 2014) –More than 1 in 88 children have autism spectrum disorder, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), which means that the Greater Atlanta area may have more than 9,500 children who are affected with autism. Summit Autism Center, based in Roswell, offers a new service to help individuals with autism develop important social and behavioral skills. Summit Autism Center recently adopted ABPathfinder’s Therapy Support Software in order increase the daily effectiveness and efficiency of its autism therapy team.

“ABPathfinder allows our staff to continue its track record of successful autism therapy,” said Jennifer Mitchell, director of therapy interventions for Summit Autism Center. “Our team has always demonstrated an unwavering dedication to helping our clients, but this software allows us to invest more time into the individual progress of each child.”

The most recent autism prevalence figure has increased 29 percent from the last CDC study in 2009. While the cause is unknown, the result is an increased demand for therapy services from companies like Summit Autism Center. In addition, state legislation now mandates healthcare insurance coverage for autism treatment, making therapy more affordable. The mandates, however, also increase the paperwork demand on therapy centers. ABPathfinder reduces the time spent on this paperwork and other administrative tasks.

Summit Autism Center utilizes Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy to help children diagnosed with autism develop essential life skills and reduce troublesome behaviors. ABA methods are used to create individualized programs for each child, allowing them to respond in natural and creative ways to therapy. These techniques enable therapists and educators to target socially important behaviors such as communication, social interaction and imaginative play.

Through the use of the ABPathfinder software, Summit Autism Center gains real-time analysis functions that facilitate therapy targeted to individual needs. Interactive graphs provide a more immediate view of a child’s progress, allowing the therapist to better adjust each session to the child’s needs. ABPathfinder also provides Summit Autism Center with training aids and tools, allowing the center to deliver therapy more consistently and efficiently.

“Summit Autism Center is exactly the kind of organization we hoped to help when we created the software,” said Jeff Blackwood, CEO of ABPathfinder. “We knew these people were doing incredible work, but as demand for services increased, they needed help collecting and analyzing data for each client. It became a time management issue, potentially reducing time spent with clients. That’s why we wanted to help.”

Overall, Summit Autism Center hopes to reduce paperwork and administrative tasks in order to gain more time and resources for planning therapy sessions, tracking skills accurately, and most importantly, spending increased session time with the children.

“Ultimately, we’re using ABPathfinder to help children achieve success,” said Shauna Courtney, director of therapy interventions for Summit Autism Center. “I’m confident that this software, combined with our stellar team, will allow us to continue helping children throughout the Atlanta area.”

About ABPathfinder

ABPathfinder, LLC develops special education and therapy management solutions that increase the efficiency and effectiveness of special education and autism therapy programs. The cloud-based platform helps educators and therapists craft lesson plans, as well as collect, graph and analyze performance data. By reducing paperwork and administrative tasks, ABPathfinder maximizes the time and effort invested in each child. For more information, visit www.abpathfinder.com.