



## Psychological Assessment Information and Frequently Asked Questions

This form is meant to give you information on the psychological assessment process and answer frequently asked questions. If you have any other questions, please feel free to reach out to us at 330-991-9117 or email us at [clinical\\_psychology@proaba.org](mailto:clinical_psychology@proaba.org)

### **Q. Who completes the assessments?**

**A.** The assessments are overseen by Dr. Kris Brown, a licensed psychologist in the state of Ohio. He completes assessments directly or might assign a psychological assistant to complete portions of the evaluation with you or your child. The psychological assistant is trained and under Dr. Brown's supervision. Dr. Brown makes the final interpretation and diagnosis on all evaluations.

### **Q. How long do the assessments take? Is it just one appointment?**

**A.** The entire process **cannot be** completed in one meeting and usually takes 3 to 4 appointments. The entire process usually takes 4-6 weeks. The length of time depends on the kinds of testing, client availability for scheduling, how quickly parents respond to assessment requests, and how quickly Dr. Brown receives information from hospitals, schools, and medical facilities. The first appointment is an intake. The next appointments are for direct testing. The last appointment is to review the final report, diagnosis, and recommendations.

### **Q. What kind of assessments are used?**

**A.** The kind of assessment used depends on the reason a client needs an assessment, their age, and other factors. Dr. Brown selects the assessments based on these factors and will review them with you. Dr. Brown has a wide range of assessments.

### **Q. What conditions do you offer diagnostic testing for?**

**A.** Generally speaking, we offer testing for neurodevelopmental disorders (i.e., autism, ADHD), behavior problems, learning problems, anxiety, and some mood conditions. Each client is unique and Dr. Brown must make sure he is competent to complete the services you and/or your child need. If Dr. Brown meets with you and determines that he can't help with your concerns, he will help refer you to someone who can.

### **Q. Do you offer ADOS-2 or ADI-R testing?**

**A.** Yes, Dr. Brown has training in and offers the *Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* (ADOS-2). We also offer the *Autism Diagnostic Interview-Revised* (ADI-R) and other direct testing measures for autism spectrum disorder such as the *Childhood Autism Rating Scales 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* (CARS-2).



**Q. Does Progressive ABA Therapy Group provide autism evaluations for adults?**

A. Yes, we can complete diagnostic evaluations for adults. This process can sometimes take longer than 4-6 weeks because Dr. Brown will need to gather additional information, coordinate with other professionals, and (ideally) speak to family members who were present when the adult was a child.

**Q. Does anyone at Progressive ABA Therapy Group prescribe medication?**

A. No, none at Progressive ABA Therapy Group prescribe medications.

**Q. Can you give my child an *Evaluation Team Report (ETR)* or *Individualized Education Plan (IEP)*?**

A. School districts and educational service centers provide IEPs and ETRs. Dr. Brown might recommend that you share the results with your child's schools and/or request a meeting to discuss an ETR/IEP, but he cannot write one or make the school provide one.

**Q. What does an evaluation cost?**

A. We accept many insurances at Progressive ABA Therapy Group. During the intake appointment, Dr. Brown will review the prices for services and review your medical insurance coverage (if any). Part of the cost depends on the number of sessions, the amount of testing, and other factors that can make the process more intense.

If you have any other questions, please reach out to us!

Sincerely,

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