

Bancroft’s Response to National Autism Center’s National Standards Project

Bancroft believes in evidence-based treatment approaches and is committed to using only treatments that are scientifically proven effective.

Individuals diagnosed with autism make up approximately 80 percent of children in Bancroft’s pediatric programs and 35 percent of persons in our programs for adults with developmental disabilities. Thus, we are grateful to the National Autism Center’s commendable efforts in creating its National Standards Project (NSP), which summarizes and distributes information on the level of scientific proof that supports specific treatments for this population.

Established Treatments

The NSP defines established treatments as “treatments for which several well-controlled studies have shown the intervention to produce beneficial effects.”

The following table lists the NSP’s established treatments and indicates those used by Bancroft.* Moreover, Bancroft does not use any of the interventions categorized by the NSP as “unestablished treatments.”

Established treatment	Used by Bancroft programs
Antecedent Package	•
Behavioral Package	•
Comprehensive Behavioral Treatment for Young Children	•
Joint Attention Intervention	•
Modeling	•
Naturalistic Teaching Strategies	•
Peer Training Package	
Pivotal Response Treatment	
Schedules	•
Self-Management	•
Story-based Intervention Package	•

**Please note that not all treatments are used for every individual Bancroft serves. Our treatment packages are highly individualized and based on the results of comprehensive assessments.*

About the National Center and Standards

The National Autism Center is May Institute’s center for the promotion of evidence-based practice. This highly respected, nonprofit organization provides reliable information and promotes best practices.

In 2009, the National Autism Center completed its National Standards Project, which established a set of standards for effective, research-validated educational and behavioral interventions for autism spectrum disorders.

For more information on the center and the standards project, visit www.nationalautismcenter.org.

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