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My name is Jessica Brown and I am a Special Education Teacher for students with autism in the West Haven School District. I have been working with Board Certified Behavior Analysts for the past year. Their expertise has made a remarkable impact on classroom management as well as student skill acquisition. I have collaborated with another outside agency whose consultant was not a board certified behavior analyst or an assistant board certified behavior analyst. They were not able to produce similar results. Providing effective intervention to students on the autism spectrum can be a daunting task. More and more students are entering our schools who require intense behavioral intervention whose IEP's mandate ABA therapy. I am currently completing online course work to become a BCBA and am being supervised by a BCBA. Most teachers and para-professionals get little to no training. It is essential that school districts utilize qualified and certified professionals to deliver ABA services so that teachers, support staff, and students can work in a successful and positive classroom atmosphere.

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