

Nancy Mabry Stachiw, M.A.E., BCBA

18 Doctor Pike Road
Post Office Box 193
East Woodstock, CT 06244
Tel: 860.928.9190 – home
860.450.2511 – mobile
401.274.6310, extension 1255 – work
E-mail: nancy.mabry@gmail.com
nmabry@grodencenter.org

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

The State of Connecticut Public Health Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 3000
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Members of the Committee:

I am writing to state my emphatic support of Senate Bill 1089, sections 23-29, which includes the provision to license Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) and Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts (BCaBAs) in the state of Connecticut. When this bill passes, we will be joining our neighboring states of New York, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, all of which have established licensure laws: to date, nineteen states have such licensure in place.

Licensure would enable Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services to be incorporated into new Medicaid regulations, and make it easier for families of children and adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnoses to obtain private insurance funding for ABA services. This is a matter of urgency for those in the state who rely on ABA services for best-practice methodology and proven effects.

As a long-time resident of East Woodstock, CT, I work at The Groden Center in Providence, RI. Through my affiliation with the Community Support Services at Groden, I provide outreach consultation and support to the Putnam, CT Public Schools. Students with ASD diagnoses in the elementary, middle, and high schools there have greatly benefited from ongoing ABA services.

It is an honor to join my colleagues as we work diligently to improve access to high quality ABA services for citizens of Connecticut.

Sincerely,
Nancy Mabry Stachiw, M.A.E., BCBA