

ICAN's Team:

Cynthia D. Onder, MA, CCC-SLP/BCBA

Cynthia Onder is President and founder of ICAN of Washington. She is a nationally certified Speech Language Pathologist, as well as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). Cynthia has been serving children diagnosed with Autism, Down's Syndrome, and other language-based learning difficulties for over 13 years. Cynthia has extensive experience working with children with Apraxia of speech, Dysarthria, Dysphasia, articulation disorders, reading difficulties, auditory processing, and other language disorders. Cynthia is also PROMPT trained. Ms. Onder is responsible for implementing and monitoring ABA/VB programs including conducting assessments, writing goals and objectives as well as training home instructors, school staff, and family members in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Morgan McCloskey, MA, CCC-SLP

Morgan joined ICAN, Inc. in May, 2007. She is a nationally certified Speech Language Pathologist, and is currently working towards her Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) certification. Ms. McCloskey's primary responsibilities include evaluation and treatment of children with developmental speech and language disorders including autism and other related disorders. Morgan also conducts parent and teacher training for home instruction utilizing teaching procedures of ABA. Ms. McCloskey also has experience in treatment of individuals with voice and fluency disorders, reading difficulties, neurogenic communication disorders as well as Apraxia, Dysarthria and Dysphasia. Ms. McCloskey has training in RDI (Relationship Development Intervention) and is PROMPT trained.

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LOCATION:

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DIRECTIONS:

- From points North and South:
- Take Capital Beltway (495) to Exit #34 Wisconsin Ave/Rockville Pike.
- Go SOUTH on Wisconsin Ave.
- At 4th traffic light, make a RIGHT onto W. CEDAR Lane
- Make the 4th right onto CYPRESS
- Make your next RIGHT onto ACACIA AVE.
- ICAN is the third house on the right (#5100 Acacia Avenue)
- There are 2-hour parking spaces in front of the house.
- Come to the right side entrance.

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OUR MISSION:



To serve families and children in a holistic, effective, and ethical manner. Driven by the belief that all children can learn if given a motivated and educated instructor. Through effective teaching procedures, a person can teach each child how to learn within all environments.

SERVICES:

- Applied Behavior Analysis consultation services utilizing B.F. Skinner's Analysis of Verbal Behavior (1957)
- Individual or group speech and language therapy sessions
- Speech and language evaluations
- Functional Behavior Assessments for the reduction of maladaptive behaviors or increase in functional behaviors
- Training services for parents, professionals, and home therapists
- IEP Goal Development/Attendance at IEP meetings
- Observations of school settings
- ABLLS-R Assessments
- SRA/Direct Instruction Programs
- Collaboration with Other Professionals

Call or e-mail for Client Information Packet and Fee Schedule

WHO We Serve:

ICAN serves children with:

Speech Language Disorders

Expressive and receptive language delays associated with autism spectrum disorders, PDD-NOS, and other developmental delays

Articulation disorders

Reading difficulties

ADD/ADHD

Developmental Apraxia

Auditory Processing Disorders (CAPD)

Language-Based Learning Disabilities

Executive Functioning Disorder

Pragmatic Language disorders (social skills)

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is Verbal Behavior (VB)?

In 1957, B.F. Skinner published Verbal Behavior, outlining his analysis of Verbal Behavior. He classified language into functional units of language: receptive, mimetic/echoics, mands, tacts, and intraverbals. Each program incorporates teaching the child across all units of language, using Discrete Trial Training (DTT) and Natural Environment Teaching (NET), by means of errorless teaching techniques. The combination of specific teaching procedures and establishing motivational moments throughout the child's day ensures success for the child!

Will you serve as my child's consultant and speech therapist?

Yes, many times children are seen both on a monthly basis with the entire team (consultation), as well as on a weekly basis for individual speech and language therapy. Often the SLP therapy will focus on articulation, manding, and any problem areas in his/her home program, still incorporating the teaching procedures used in the home program.

Do you only do "verbal behavior" in your speech and language therapy sessions?

No, while we will still incorporate errorless teaching into therapy with all children, many children who come to ICAN do not fall on the autism spectrum. Some children need traditional expressive and receptive language intervention, while others need articulation, oral motor, and/or reading intervention.

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How do I know if my child would benefit from VB?

Prior to scheduling a consultation, the following is required:

1. Attend a full workshop from a certified BCBA who is trained in Verbal Behavior techniques. This provides:
 - ◆ An extensive understanding of VB, putting everyone on the "same page" before the consultant comes to your home.
 - ◆ Confidence that this program is appropriate for your child.
2. Complete the Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills-Revised (ABLLS-R) by Drs. Sundberg & Partington (2006) to establish a detailed assessment of where your child falls within several skill areas, such as:

Cooperation & Reinforcement

Visual Performance

Receptive Language

Labeling (Tacting)

Imitation

Requesting

Intraverbals (conversational skills)

Play and Leisure

Social Interaction

Classroom/Group Instruction

How do I get more information on the ABLLS and workshops?

www.carboneclinic.com (workshops)

www.behavioranalyst.com (workshops/ABLLS)

www.vbteachingtools.com (materials)

www.difflearn.com (ABLLS)

www.behaviorchange.com

[Http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DTT-NET](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DTT-NET)

(General VB information)

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