

# Connections Autism Program

The Connections Program is a division of Behavioral Health Services at Sharon Regional Health System. It is the region's premier provider of specialized wraparound services to children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Our program is based on the belief that through connections with others and the environment children can grow, learn and develop. We teach children with autism to connect in different ways.

Through one-on-one therapeutic interventions, our specialists are committed to assisting children with Autism achieve their goals in the least restrictive environment within their school, home and community.



# Behavioral Health Rehabilitative Services

## Locations:

2375 Garden Way  
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Please visit our website for more information about the services provided at Behavioral Health Services, [SharonRegionalHealth.org](http://SharonRegionalHealth.org)

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## Staff Qualifications

### Behavioral Specialist Consultant

(BSC) - The BSC is a licensed clinician with experience in behavioral management strategies. This Master's level individual serves as a consultant to the child's team and is responsible for onsite client observations, data collection, development of behavior plans, treatment plans and TSS supervision.

### Mobile Therapist

(MT) - The MT has experience in play therapy, individual therapy and group therapy. This Master's level staff member provides one-on-one therapies in the home, school, and community settings.

### Therapeutic Staff Support

(TSS) - The TSS has at least one year of experience working with children. This Bachelor's level staff provides non-clinical behavioral interventions to the client that are specific to his/her goals in the home, school, and community settings.

*Our BSCs and MTs are state Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Social Workers*

## Our staff hold advanced training in numerous therapeutic interventions

- Floor-time Play Therapy
- Social Stories
- Social Skill Interventions
- Discrete Trial Interventions
- Behavior Modification Strategies
- Picture Exchange Communication System
- Sensory Integration Methods
- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Crisis Intervention/De-Escalation
- Verbal Behavior Therapy

## Benefits to the Child:

- Improved communication
- Behavioral enhancement
- Expanded play skills
- Self-regulation of sensory needs
- Increased self-esteem
- Increased personal awareness
- Increased task completion and tolerance
- Exposure to new theories, strategies and interventions
- Ease of access to other therapeutic services at Sharon Regional Health System

## Benefits to the Family

- Added support
  - Increased awareness
  - Educational materials
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