ABL Clinic Update 2019

Happy spring from CU’s ABL Clinic!

If you are reading this newsletter, you have likely been involved with the University of Colorado’s Attention, Behavior, and Learning (ABL) Clinic sometime in the past 15 years. Our clinic provides psychoeducational assessments to children in Boulder County and surrounding communities. We’ve even had families travel from out of state! Our goal is to understand children’s needs and strengths, allowing them to learn and grow in ways that are best for them as individuals. Though we are able to diagnose specific learning differences when appropriate (including dyslexia, ADHD, and other childhood disorders), our goal is also to see each child’s strengths. We also strive to connect children and families with appropriate resources in the community to support their learning and emotional needs. Helping youth to develop strong coping mechanisms, including relationships and passions, is also a key objective.

Our continued mission

ABL Clinic began in 2004 with a donation from an individual in rural Boulder County that felt high quality, yet affordable evaluation services were critical to youth in our community. In keeping with his mission, our evaluations are about 1/3 to 1/2 of the cost of similar evaluations in hospital or private practice settings. In addition, we provide scholarships to families who may not otherwise be able to access these services. Currently, about 25% of our families receive a scholarship that allows them to be seen for a significantly reduced fee. Some families are even seen at no cost.

The University of Colorado Office for Outreach and Engagement has been pivotal in allowing us to provide these scholarship services. ABL Clinic has successfully obtained funding for scholarships every year since 2006. However, other than the Outreach funds, which are applied for annually, the clinic receives no university funding.

“I have to say . . . the experience was life-changing for us, helping us to think about our daughter’s needs in a new light. She is in middle school now, in the TAG program, and is thriving.”

“ABL understood us and listened every step of the way. It has meant the world to have such a knowledgeable and kind team to guide us through.”

Nomita Chhabildas, ABL Clinic Director, working with a volunteer child.

Recent ABL Clinic Trainees:
Top Row from L to R: Daniel Leopold, Kerri Woodward, Holly Wakeman, Rebecca Schneider, and Laura Hink
Bottom Row from L to R: Jennifer Anders and Maryn Case
Please consider supporting our ongoing efforts; donations to the clinic especially assist with allowing families to access services regardless of their economic circumstances.

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