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## Abstract

The onset of ABA intervention in West Africa (WA) has led to quite a number of children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders to access evidence-based treatment. Despite the rise of ABA dissemination all over the world, much is not known about dissemination in West Africa. In this paper presentation we explore the experiences of families receiving ABA services as well as the behavior technicians and behavior analyst providing these services. What strategies had been applied to the implementation of ABA service delivery and the role of Behavior analyst in ABA dissemination in West Africa? We also looked at some ethical dilemmas and cultural beliefs affecting ABA dissemination in West Africa. Navigating some challenges encountered in disseminating this evidence-based intervention and the social validity of ABA intervention. The efforts we put forward in educating the public on the need for children living with ASD to have access to ABA therapy through awareness and advocacy for effective dissemination of ABA in West Africa

## Learning Objectives

1. Participants will identify the onset, strategies, and techniques applied in the dissemination of ABA in WA.
2. Participants will explain the role of Behavior analyst in the dissemination of ABA in WA.
3. Participants will identify some ethical dilemmas and preliminary action steps for implementing cultural responsiveness in ABA practice in WA.
4. Participants will identify and describe the challenges in ABA service delivery and how ABA awareness and advocacy has impacted ABA dissemination in WA.



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