

# Endorsements

"I was impressed with the help that Vista provided in developing an appropriate behavior modification plan for one of our students. Information was gathered and assessed to determine the function of the student's problem behaviors. Jenn Bechtel was able to take this data and chart his area of weaknesses. She then determined modifications that would stop these problem behaviors, and it really worked for both the student and the teacher."

—Building Principal

"The Vista Outreach Consultant gave invaluable support in person, by email, and on the phone throughout the year. Every communication was exceptional. She always gave supportive, invaluable advice and solutions. You always feel like an equal team member, not just a client."

—Classroom Teacher

"Vista Outreach Services were both valuable and supportive. The consultant was reassuring, positive and informative."

—Classroom Teacher

## Customer List

We have worked with the following special education departments:

- Carlisle Area School District
- Northern York County School District
- Big Spring School District
- Mechanicsburg Area School District
- South Middleton School District



## VISTA OUTREACH SERVICES

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# Vista Outreach Services

Supporting students with

**autism**

**spectrum**

**disorders**

and the professionals who serve them

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# VISTA OUTREACH SERVICES

Vista Outreach Services offer a range of services to support students with autism spectrum disorders and the professionals who serve them in central Pennsylvania.

- **Individual & Classroom Consultative Services**
- **Direct Services**
- **In-service Training**

## Consultative Services Training & Support

Vista Outreach consults to the IEP team regarding instructional strategies, curriculum choices, and adaptations to improve student performance, generalization, and maintenance. We provide guided practice for different instructional strategies and behavior support plans to the IEP team. We assist teachers in ordering or creating materials to meet student needs. We assist the IEP team in determining items and activities, which function as reinforcement and how to use them contingently to maximize student performance. We help teams understand how autism spectrum disorders affect participation within educational and community settings.

## Behavior Plans & Intervention

Vista Outreach designs appropriate data collection methods and when appropriate, trains IEP team members to collect data. We collect and analyze functional assessment data to determine why contextually inappropriate behaviors are occurring. We lead the IEP team in designing a behavior plan based on this data driven functional assessment. We demonstrate intervention techniques required to implement the behavior plan and provide feedback to staff implementing the plan.

## Data Collection & Analysis

Vista Outreach instructs the IEP team in data collection methods in order to make analysis optimally useful. We analyze data to determine future needs for intervention. We present data in visual displays to make it understandable to all team members.

## IEP Process

We assist staff in preparing for the IEP process by determining strengths and needs and present levels of education, and by generating goals and objectives and specially designed instruction. We participate in the IEP process and attend parent conferences, team meetings, and IEP meetings at the IEP teams' request.

## Classroom Design & Consultation

Vista Outreach assists districts in designing a district-run autism support classroom. We assist personnel in setting up the physical structure of the classroom. We consult to the classroom throughout the year regarding grouping students, planning lessons for individuals and groups, and managing student behavior and the classroom.

## Direct Services Social Skills Intervention

Vista Outreach conducts assessments to determine areas of social skill need. We provide individualized or small group intervention for the student(s). We design generalization plans to transfer social skills into other school settings. As part of social skills intervention, we offer a specialized type of social skills instruction, disability awareness training. This intervention teaches students which characteristics of an autism spectrum disorder apply to him. The ultimate goal of this training is to use this knowledge to assist in problem solving and behavior change.

## In-service Training

Vista Outreach provides parent and staff training on a variety of topics related to autism spectrum disorders and their effective treatment.