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My name is Steve Kossor. I'm a Licensed Professional Psychologist and a Certified School Psychologist and have been working with children who have behavioral and developmental challenges, including autism, since 1977. I've seen tremendous progress in many young children through the use of individualized, intensive in-home and in-school behavior support services (sometimes called "wrap-around" services). The *National Academy of Sciences* has documented that this type of treatment can result in significant improvement in the functioning of children with developmental challenges. Since 1981, I have been supervising staff delivering in-home and in-school "wrap-around" behavioral support services via the *Network for Behavior Change* – we were commended by the *President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health* for our innovative approaches to community-based mental health treatment. I'm taking this opportunity to "go public" with the information I have accumulated about "wrap-around" services, because I believe in the distribution of helpful information without agendas or egos. I want to be an asset, ally and resource to children with behavioral and developmental challenges (and their families). My staff and I are based in Pennsylvania, but we offer consultations at competitive rates throughout the US.

The wrap-around model that we have developed and refined for the past 25 years can be applied successfully to the treatment of children with autism and other significant developmental challenges throughout the United States. One of the world's leading authorities on Autism Spectrum Disorders, Stanley Greenspan, has *himself* credited our wrap-around services with having contributed significantly to the recovery of several children whom we've treated together. I can show families how funding for "wrap-around" treatment can be obtained at absolutely no cost whatsoever, regardless of family income. Funding for treatment can be sustained for *years*, if necessary, at relatively intense levels (20 or more hours of one-to-one "Therapeutic Staff Support" each week) when it is prescribed and monitored correctly. Wrap-around treatment plans can address areas that are mistakenly thought to be "off limits," including aversions to toileting and "school" problems like aversions to reading and math. We've created more than 400 "*Treatment Plans that Worked*" since 1981.

In 2006, I opened the Children's Behavioral Health Center in southeastern Pennsylvania, where any child who has a disability but does not yet have Medical Assistance benefits can receive a state-of-the-art diagnostic evaluation. For Pennsylvania children, there is no

charge for this evaluation, regardless of income. I personally oversee all aspects of the evaluation process at our *Center*. The evaluation can be completed in just a few hours (with a signed, written report delivered to parents in 30 days or less). Our evaluation report can *simultaneously* accomplish **five** different goals:

1. Establish eligibility for state-funded Medical Assistance benefits (funds treatment at no cost to families),
2. Establish eligibility for Early Intervention services (provides various developmental treatment services),
3. Determine the child's classification as a student in need of special education services in school,
4. Establish eligibility for "wrap-around" services (provides behavioral support services to the child), and
5. Create an integrated behavioral Treatment Plan that will be acceptable to *any* Managed Care Organization in Pennsylvania (probably elsewhere, too) as a basis for delivering "wrap-around" services.

Please visit us on the web at [www.abc-pa.org](http://www.abc-pa.org) for more information about diagnostic assessment procedures, accessing Medical Assistance benefits and wrap-around services, staff qualifications, job descriptions, and my patented behavioral intervention device called *the Behavior Barometer*<sup>®</sup>.