What to Ask When You Don’t Know What to Ask

1. What is the ratio of BCBAs to children?
2. How often is there a BCBA on campus/at your facility?
3. How often are the children’s programs updated?
4. What assessments do you use? How often are they updated?
5. Is there a Human Rights Committee/Ethics committee to approve punishment procedures?
6. How old are the children in your program?
7. What are the qualifications of your direct care (1:1) staff?
8. How much training do your 1:1 staff receive prior to working with the children?
9. How often are the 1:1 staff evaluated? Get feedback?
10. Can you give me an example of what my child’s daily schedule will look like?
11. How many staff will my child work with each day? Week?
12. How often are you closed? Summer schedule?
13. How often do you have parent meetings? Are there opportunities for other trainings?
14. Are there opportunities for parent training at home, in the community, etc.?
15. Can I come in and observe or watch my child?
16. Is there any opportunity for social skills training?
17. Is there any opportunity for social skills training with typically developing children?
18. Will you collaborate with other disciplines? Speech? OT?
19. For older children, are there opportunities for vocational training?
20. Can you address feeding problems?
21. What is your transition procedure? Can employees from the school/treatment center where my child is transitioning to come and observe? Can you provide training for them? Do you attend ARD meetings?
22. Are you a TEA approved non-public school site?
23. Are you licensed, certified, or regulated by any agency? If so who?
24. Are you associated with any university program in Behavior Analysis?
25. Do you take the children into the community for training opportunities? Do you provide opportunities for field trips as appropriate for my child?
26. Do you use technology such as IPADS or a smart board to assist with treatment?
27. Do you have an option to use online data collection I can view daily from home?
28. Do you provide any additional summer activities such as summer camps, splash day, or t-ball that promote age appropriate socialization and skills?
29. Do you provide before or after care hours that allow extended hours so that I can work? If so how much do these extended hours cost per hour?
30. Is the cost of training materials and reinforcers included in the cost of the program?
31. Do you file for insurance reimbursement?
32. What is your attendance policy? Do we have to pay for absences? Leaving early?