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Our team consisting of Dr. Tracy Stephens, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist, Alison Kringstad, MA, Special Educator and Brittany Schmidt, MA-CCC/SLP, Speech Language Pathologist, have extensive experience working with and providing evaluative services to children and adults on the Autism Spectrum, as well as individuals with Developmental Disabilities.

Pre-Clinic Consultation

The initial step to providing diagnostic services begins with a pre-clinic consultation. The objective of the pre-clinic consultation is to obtain information from parents and school staff about the individual's current and past developmental progress, in addition to providing an opportunity to observe the individual in their natural environments such as home and school.

A pre-clinic consultation requires approximately 3-5 hours and is billed at a separate rate from the diagnostic services provided. The consultant will provide a written report and, if appropriate, will provide the requesting party with the next available clinic date. It will be the requesting party's responsibility to determine the location of the client's diagnostic service (school, home of the individual or at our office in Sioux Falls).



Diagnostic Services

Intellectual assessment, adaptive and maladaptive behavior, communication and academic functioning are included in our interdisciplinary process, along with an autism specific evaluation tool and the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS). Each evaluation report will include clinical results and recommendations necessary to initiate intervention programming. Depending on the needs of the client, additional support or training may be arranged through BCS or ABC.

Evaluation Schedule

Evaluations are usually held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. To schedule an evaluation contact Behavior Care Specialists, Inc. at (605) 271-2690 or complete a Diagnostic Services Referral Form at either the BCS website (www.behaviorcarespecialists.com) or the ABC website (www.abc-autism.com). If intervention services are necessary, we offer flexible scheduling and accommodations.

