

ABA for Adults in a Medicaid Day Hab Massachusetts Pilot Program

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ABA Massachusetts
Pilot Program for Adults over
Age 21 in a Day Hab

\$200,000 allocated by
Legislature for the Pilot to run
9/22-3/22/23

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3 ABA Service Providers



Amego



Nashoba



Northeast Arc



Interested in
Free ABA at
Your DayHab?

Is there an ISP in place?





Is there a behavioral plan in place?

My plan

Name

Date

Class

Target Behavior:	GOAL	Totals
2/2 writing utensils on my desk at one time 		
I will ask for help when I need it 		
When my teacher asks me to put-away my writing tools I will do it immediately 		
I will use my writing utensils appropriately (not playing with them) 		

On Task

GOAL:

TOTAL

Teacher Signature:

Student Signature:



Build skills, independence
and
reduce harmful behaviors





What are the
aggregate benefits?

What are the overall outcomes?



SUMMARY



1. Did ABA result in a reduction in PICA, self-injurious behavior?

2. Did ABA increase an individual's access to the community (due to reduced behaviors?)

3. Did the Day Habs benefit because ABA was provided?





Outcomes-----→

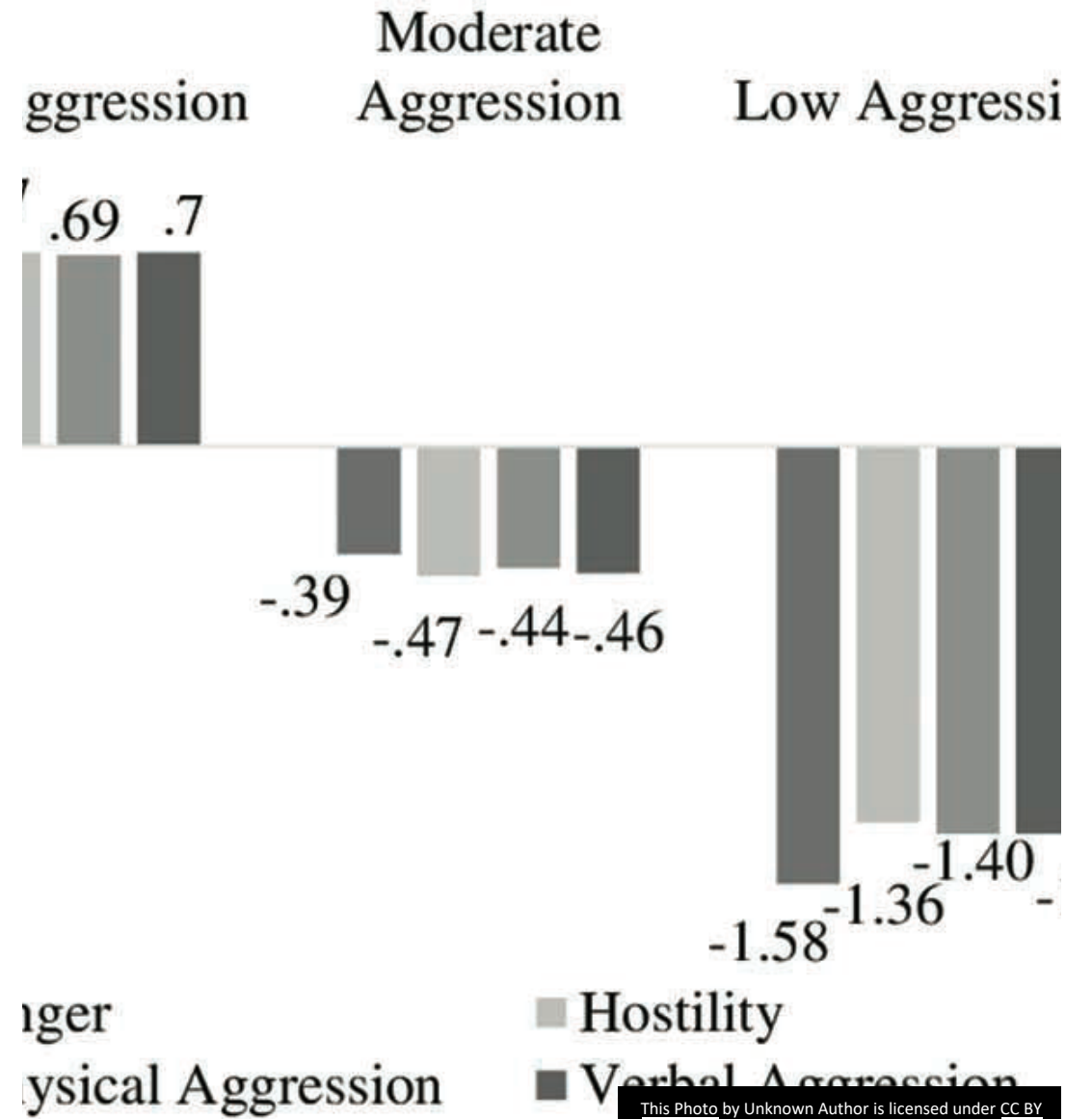


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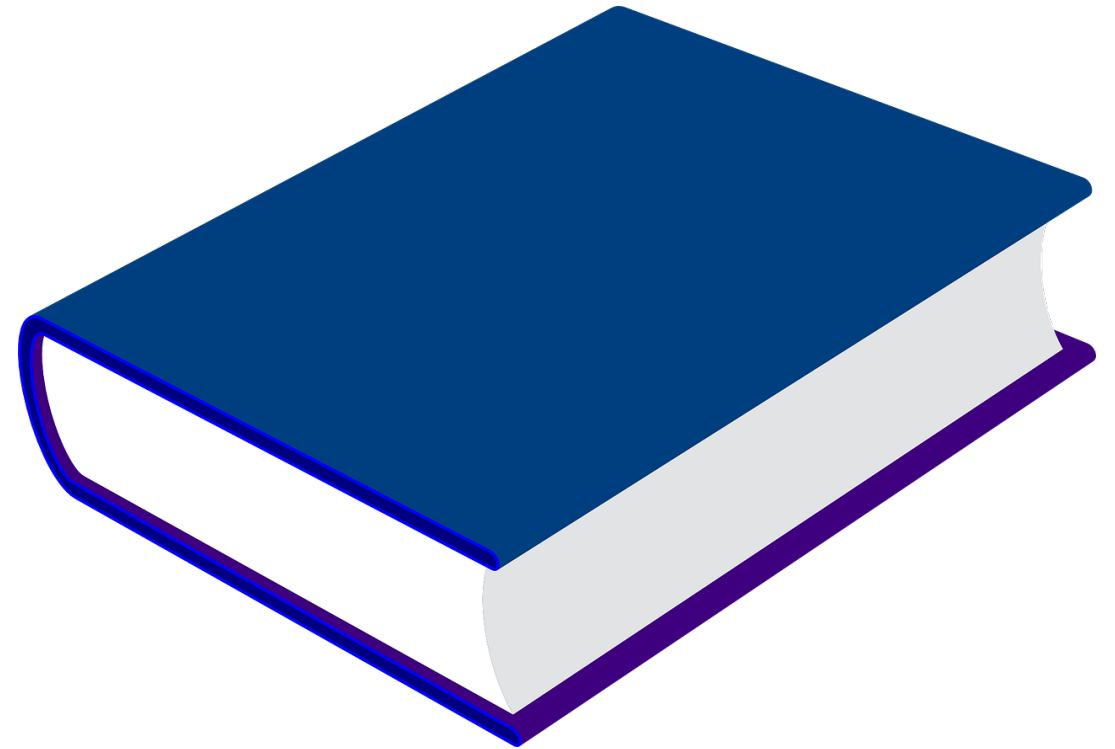


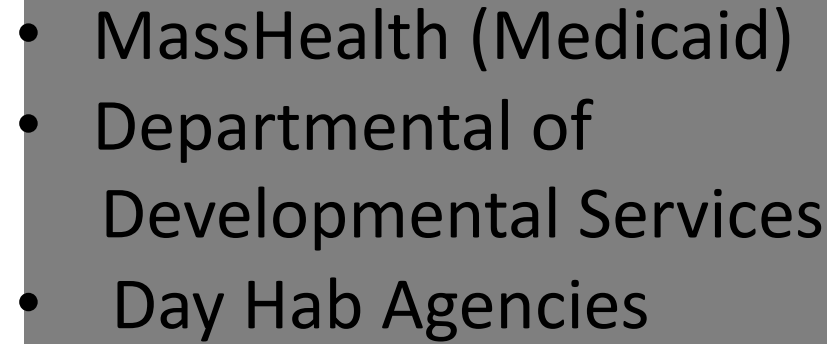
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Collect and Analyze Data March and April 2023

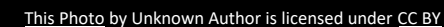


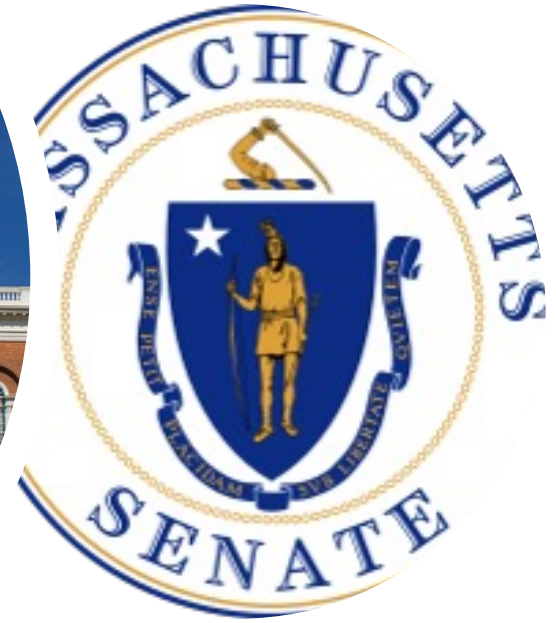
Final Report to Legislature May 2023





- Arc of Massachusetts
- Advocates for Autism of Massachusetts





House Ways and Means Committee

Joint Commission on Persons
with Disabilities

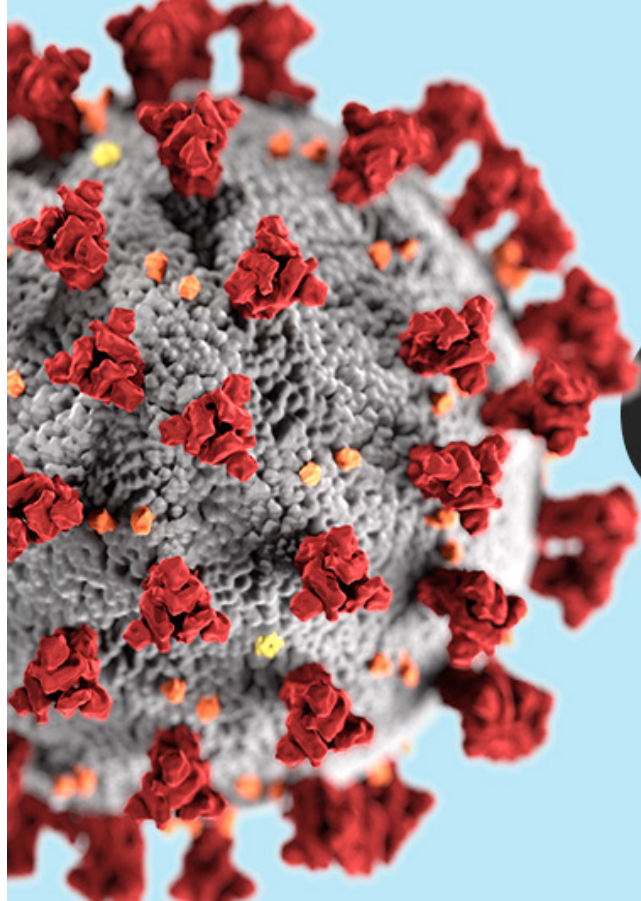
Time
Constraints

\$200,000 Budget

One of the 3
providers lack of
experience with
adults



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COVID-19

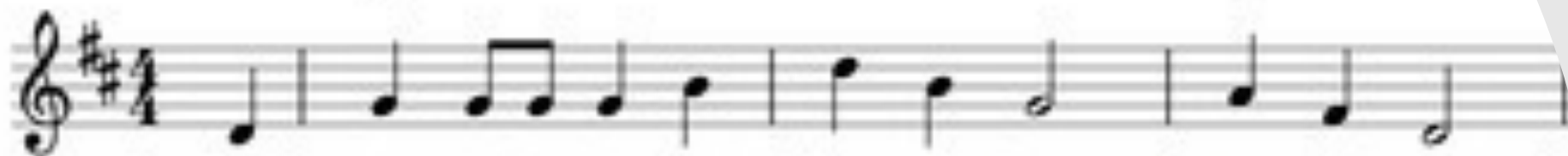
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The Wheels On The Bus

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The wheels on the bus go round and round, round and round,

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wheels on the bus



QUALITY



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- "If you don't have an idea that materializes and changes a person's life, then what have you got? You have talk, research, telephone calls, meetings, but you don't have a change in the community." — Eunice Kennedy Shriver

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