



INITIAL ASSESSMENTS

All of your questions about Virtual Initial Assessments answered by our experts.

WHAT IS A VIRTUAL INITIAL ASSESSMENT?

Bierman ABA's Initial Assessment (IA) is an important first step in developing your child's treatment plan. The IA uses conversation, observation, and formal assessment tools to understand your child's skill strengths, identify areas to target for improvement, and prioritize your family's unique needs. The goal of the IA is to determine treatment recommendations, including the number of weekly therapy hours needed.

Bierman ABA's virtual IA connects you directly to your child's Behavior Analyst through a secure, virtual platform.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF SCHEDULING A VIRTUAL INITIAL ASSESSMENT?

- ▶ Our behavior analyst can observe your child in the most comfortable and natural setting.
- ▶ Virtual IAs promote specialized and collaborative care by providing parents a hands-on role in testing.
- ▶ The virtual platform provides more insight into the assessment process. It allows parents to be an active part of goal selection.
- ▶ Behavior Analysts can gain insight into how a child responds to his or her day-to-day settings and routines.
- ▶ Conducting an assessment via telehealth provides a unique collaborative experience. Behavior analysts can explain and demonstrate basic ABA techniques as they get to know your child.
- ▶ Leveraging telehealth streamlines the assessment process, allowing for improved data collection and expedited report preparation.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE VIRTUAL IA?



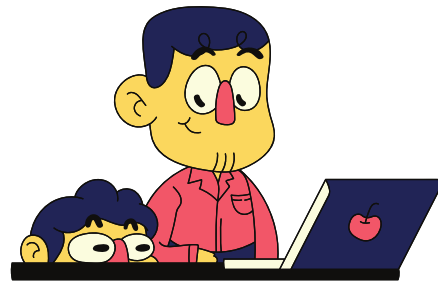
The initial assessment is divided into two one hour sessions.



The first session is a parent interview, designed to gain a better understanding of your child's background and allows families to get comfortable with the Zoom platform.

Essentially, the first session is a one-hour conversation with your Behavior Analyst, where you will discuss how your child communicates, plays, and participates in day-to-day family routines.

The second session is an opportunity for the Behavior Analyst to observe your child's behavior and interactions. During the second session, your child will sit with you, in front of your computer or tablet. Using Zoom, your Behavior Analyst will help you facilitate several activities that showcase your child's behavior, communication, preferences, and play skills. Prior to the assessment, your Behavior Analyst will give you tips and tools to make the observation as comfortable and natural as possible.



In addition to a live-interactive Zoom session, parents may collect videos of their child throughout the day, if a child cannot sit in front of Zoom or there are activities that we would need to see that occur at different times in the day.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE IA?

The information gathered during the IA will be used to create an individualized treatment plan. This includes:

- language and communication
- social interaction
- gross and fine motor skills
- leisure and recreational skills
- skills of daily living
- behavior regulation and self-management

After the IA is completed, our Behavior Analysts will determine appropriate goals for therapy and create a treatment plan. The treatment plan and recommendations are sent to you to review and determine a start date for services.