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PROFILE

**A creative problem solver with professional interpersonal skills and a hands-on approach in all aspects of team and individual work. Specialist in communication training and promoting Positive Behaviour Support. Passionate about the best outcome and quality of life for each child and family.**

An established independent ABA/VB (Applied Behavioural Analysis and Verbal Behaviour) Consultant with 15 years experience with evidence-based educational interventions for children with ASD/PDD and developmental delays in a range of home and school settings. Founder and Head Consultant of The Nightingale Team for ABA/VB services to families and schools providing consultancy services, as well as provision packages with supervision and 1:1 team members. Over 30 talented members trained since established in 2005.

KEY EXPERTISE

- Autism, HF ASD, PDD-NOS, Comorbid conditions, Global Developmental Delays
- ABA/VB, EIBI, mainstream school inclusion and after-school provision (age 2-16)
- Strong background in NET teaching, communication interventions, assisted communication using VOCA (Grid 2, iPad apps)
- Promoting self-help, independence in the community and social skills
- Key skills development for team members to support a Positive Behaviour Plan

WORK EXPERIENCE

2011 – present (part-time) **External Support Tutor and MSc Supervisor, Cardiff University, Wales**

- Online course and supervision of dissertation projects for the course:  
Positive approaches to Challenging Behaviour, MSc and PGCert.  
BACB approved supervision to graduates pursuing certification

2004 – present

**ABA/VB Consultant and Founder of The Nightingale Team**

- Designing and consulting Educational Programmes and Behaviour Plans in an ABA/VB framework
- Dynamic programming through analysing data and progress reviews
- Collaborating with the local services, school staff and other professionals
- Supporting parents with the statement process, budgets, annual reviews, mediation and tribunals
- Recruiting, training and managing team members with an online rota for full provision packages

2000 – 2004

**Independent ABA Accredited Senior Supervisor** (P.E.A.CH Accredited)

- Designed, planned, and managed ABA/VB Programmes and trained staff across settings
- Supported parents with the statement process, budgets, annual reviews, mediation and tribunals
- Collaborated with the local authorities, school staff and other professionals

1997 – 2000

ABA Therapist and Lead Therapist on home-based EIBI and mainstream inclusion ABA programmes

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

BCBA Certificant number: 1-12-10186

EDUCATION

2010 – 2011 Postgraduate Course, “ABA and Ethics and Behaviour Assessment”, Cardiff University, Wales

2005 – 2006 Postgraduate Diploma ‘ABA with Developmental Disorders’, APU Cambridge, BACB approved  
Research project: *Teaching a High Functioning Child with ASD to mand for information.*

1996 – 1998 MSc Health Psychology, University of Westminster, London  
Dissertation: *Factors for depression and anxiety in mothers of children with ASD in relation to their perceived success in managing their children’s challenging behaviour.*

1991 – 1995 BA Psychology, The New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

BACB; EABA; APBA

## COURSES PROVIDED

- 2011 *Autism Awareness*, Camden School for Girls, London
- 2003 *ASD and Management of Challenging Behaviour, Respite Workers Team*, Haringey Disabled Children's Team, London
- 2002 *Introduction to ABA and School Shadowing for Children with ASD*, Haringey SNA Training Project
- 2001 *ABA for Children with ASD and Mainstream School Inclusion*, Autism Study Day, Haringey NHS
- 2001 *ABA for Children with ASD and Mainstream School Inclusion*, Early Bird Course, Haringey Autism

## CONFERENCES & CPD

- 2014 – Ethics Workshop, presented by Emma Hawkins, BCBA-D Grant Gautreaux, Jigsaw CABAS® School, Surrey, UK
- 2014 – Video Modelling, presented by Dr Christos Nikopoulos BCBA-D, Easy Steps, UK
- 2013 - CBS Conference, CBT and ACT course by Kelly Wilson, UK
- 2012 - EABG 2011 Conference, EABG Experimental Analysis Group, UK
- 2011 - ABA: *Where are we now and where are we going*, EABG Experimental Analysis Group, UK
- 2009 - *Historical Perspective on Lovaas and Intro to Behavioral Economics*, Cambridge Center for Behavioural Studies
- 2008 - *Positive Practice in Behaviour Support*, presented by Gary W. La Vigna Ph.D. IABA
- 2007 - EIBI for Autism, presented by Professor Bob Remington Ph.D., et al, EABG Experimental Analysis Group UK
- 2007 - UK ABA Stakeholders conference on professional competencies, EABG Experimental Analysis Group UK
- 2005 - *Food for thought*, P.E.A.CH. Conference presented by Alan Watkins and Alex Richardson
- 2005 - *Positive parenting course*, presented by The New Learning Centre, West Hampstead
- 2005 - *RDI, Relationship Development Intervention*, P.E.A.CH conference, presented by Sarah Honda
- 2004 - *Autism Spectrum Disorders*, presented by Autism Partnership
- 2004 - Makaton training Stages 1-4 – hosted by TreeHouse, presented by Penny Stubbs
- 2003 - Moving on - P.E.A.CH. Conference - presented by Anne Maxell, Ph.D.; Mathew Hesmondhalgh MBE,
- 2002 - Teaching Communication in the Natural Environment, presented by P. McGreevy, Ph.D.; D. Fennemore
- 2001 - Advanced Curriculum: Theory of mind, presented by Francesca degli Espinosa, PEACH Supervisor
- 2001 - Areas Of Play Development, presented by Fatima Agrela, PEACH Senior Supervisor
- 2000 - Visual Strategies For Children With Autism And Related Disorders, Presented by Nina Lovaas, Ph.D.
- 2000 - Intermediate and High Level ABA Programmes, Presented by Mindi Fisher-Polenz of P.E.ACH.
- 2000 - How To Supervise Your Lovaas Team, Presented by Mindi Fisher-Polenz of P.E.ACH.
- 2000 - Teaching Verbal Behaviour To Children With Autism, Vincent J. Carbone, Ed.D. & Patrick McGreevy, Ph.D.
- 1999 - International Symposium On Autism, Arnhem, Netherlands
- 1999 - Putting Research Into Practice - P.E.A.CH. Conference and Verbal Imitation, Presented by Mindi Polenz of P.E.ACH.
- 1998 - Advanced Skill Development Training Workshop, Presented by Carryl Navalta, Ph.D.
- 1997 - Autism'97 Conference, Woking - FUTURE HORIZONS, Inc.

## VOLUNTEER WORK

- 2000 – 2000 Haringey Autism Parents' Support Group Advisor
- 1996 – 1997 Outpatient Therapy Group Assistant, The Mental Health Club, Sofia, Bulgaria – meetings support
- 1995 – 1996 Research Assistant, The Cognitive Science Project, New Bulgarian University, Sofia

## INTERESTS

- 2010 – present Olympians Public Speaking Club, Chelsea, Level: Competent Communicator
- 2005 – present Member of The London Bulgarian Choir, Winner of BBC 3 "Choir of the Year" competition