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Natick, MA., August 8, 2018 – With a focus on consultative services relating to evidence-based supervision practices, three professionals from RCS Learning Center in Natick recently presented at the Massachusetts Association for Applied Behavioral Analysis (MassABA) Annual Conference in Marlboro, MA.

RCS Learning Center Executive Managing Director Christina King, Ph.D, BCBA, LABA; Clinical Director Megan Breault M.S., BCBA, LABA; and Chief Clinical Specialist Colleen Yorlets, M.A., M.S., BCBA, LABA, presented on Providing Effective Consultative Services: A Review of Evidence Based Supervision Practices. Topics discussed included Behavioral Skills Training and Competency Based Training, Performance Feedback, and Procedural Integrity.

The tutorial for the conference, designed by the team of experts from RCS Learning Center, provided a review of recent literature covering evidence-based training and, the characteristics, types and effects of performance feedback. Strategies for overcoming barriers that professionals often face in training protocols were also discussed. King explained that the majority of Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) serve in consultative roles and therefore, the responsibility is to train those who are implementing the protocol to competency. Effective training of direct staff is critical and ethically necessary, said King, and better procedural application and maintenance of treatment integrity is needed.

The Massachusetts Association for Applied Behavioral Analysis (MassABA) is a trade organization that represents the interests of behavior analysts in the state. Massachusetts has more BCBAs per capita than anywhere in America. As of January 2018, the Commonwealth has more than 2000 BACB certificants. MassABA is dedicated to providing educational opportunities and advocacy for all professionals who provide behavior analytic services in any capacity. The signature connection between the organization and its more than 1,100 members is the annual conference that takes place each spring. MassABA is an affiliated chapter of the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI).

About Realizing Children's Strengths (RCS) Learning Center

Realizing Children's Strengths (RCS) Learning Center is a leading not-for-profit, chapter 766 approved private special educational school that provides the highest quality individualized behavioral and educational services to children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and other developmental disabilities. For over a decade RCS Learning Center has exceeded the standards for teaching students with Autism through the use of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) treatment methodology with an emphasis on Verbal Behavioral Model for teaching communication and language skills. Individualized curriculum, programming, and 1:1 support is tailored to meet the needs of each student that includes specialized vocational program for students 14 years and

older. Our highly respected leaders in the field of ABA conduct cutting edge research, present at national and local conferences and provide intensive training for individuals in the field of Behavioral Analytics and ABA. RCS Learning Center is based in Natick, MA and is a 501c3b non-profit. More information is available at [www.rcslearning.org](http://www.rcslearning.org)

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