

# The Team

The Behavioral Support Services team is comprised of 3 BCBA, 1 Behavior Specialist, 7 floater Behavior Intervention Coaches (BIC) and 3 BIC's who are attached to our secondary level therapeutic classrooms. Behavior Specialists are assigned to a few school sites and have assigned BIC's to further support them.



# The Mission

The Behavioral Support Services team utilizes the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) in collaboration with school teams to help students presenting with behavioral challenges make appropriate educational gains within their learning environments.

## Behavior Support Services Team

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Behavior Manager

**Christine Gorshe-Olsen**, BCBA,  
Behavior Specialist

**Sivakumari Guntapalli**, BCBA,  
Behavior Specialist

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### ***Behavior Intervention Coaches (BIC):***

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