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In 2014, The Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) contracted SEG Management Consultants (SEG) to conduct a study to assess the viability of creating an Ontario-based certification process for practitioners of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) working with those with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or with others who benefit from ABA-based methodologies. Advice was also sought on whether or not there should be a regulatory body established for BehaviourAnalysts (BAs) in Ontario. There were several recommendations made, but the main finding was that there should be certification/regulation of Applied Behaviour Analysts in Ontario.

In 2017, HPRAC undertook a comprehensive stakeholder consultation comprising of meetings with subject matter experts and stakeholders, site visits, written submissions, and an online survey. In total, over 800 individuals participated in HPRAC's stakeholder consultations. HPRAC recommended that ABA providers performing a clinical supervisory role be regulated as part of an established health regulatory college governed by the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 (RHPA). Other ABA providers would be accountable to the regulated clinical supervisors.

Based on research, the Ontario Autism Coalition believes regulation of ABA professionals in the province of Ontario will help to protect people living with autism and fully supports Section 4 of Bill 283, Advancing Oversight and Planning in Ontario's Health System Act, 2021.