

## **Collaborating With Medical and Educational Professionals:** Towards A Better Life For Our Clients

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### **Abstract:**

**Collaboration** with professionals from various disciplines is an **essential** aspect of providing **comprehensive** services to individuals in both educational and medical contexts. **Behavior analysts** possess specialized skills that are highly valuable to these professions, but these skills are not always well understood by professionals outside the field. **Effective communication** between behavior analysts and professionals from other disciplines is **crucial** for the success of client outcomes especially in medical and educational settings.

Participants will learn how to advocate for the importance of **data-driven decision-making** and **unique individualized** interventions to assist our clients as they work with other professionals. Special focus will be given to navigating common challenges, such as jargon misunderstandings, and fostering respectful and open exchanges that build trust. When we do it right, we can demonstrate the **impact of behavior analysis** on client progress and foster **greater appreciation** and **integration** of our expertise with other professionals.

### **About the Speaker:**

Dr. Mike Marroquin has been an adjunct professor at Queens College (CUNY) for over 17 years and also serves as a consultant to families and school districts in New York City. He is passionate about making behavior analysis accessible to students in public schools, and specializes in training parents and staff on the use of ABA methodologies in home and school settings. His current focus is teaching practical social skills to adolescents with autism. 😊

