

Spring 2026

ONTABA™ ANALYST

Newsletter of the
Ontario Association
For Behaviour
Analysis

**Exciting Events
in the works!**

**Our Vision: Fostering a culture of
excellence, integrity, and
expertise for the advancement
and promotion of the science of
behaviour analysis.**

**Our Mission: To demonstrate
leadership, knowledge, and
innovation in education, training,
and research for the ethical and
effective application of behaviour
analysis.**

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From The President's Desk

BY JESSICA CAUCHI



Dear Members

Welcome to Spring!

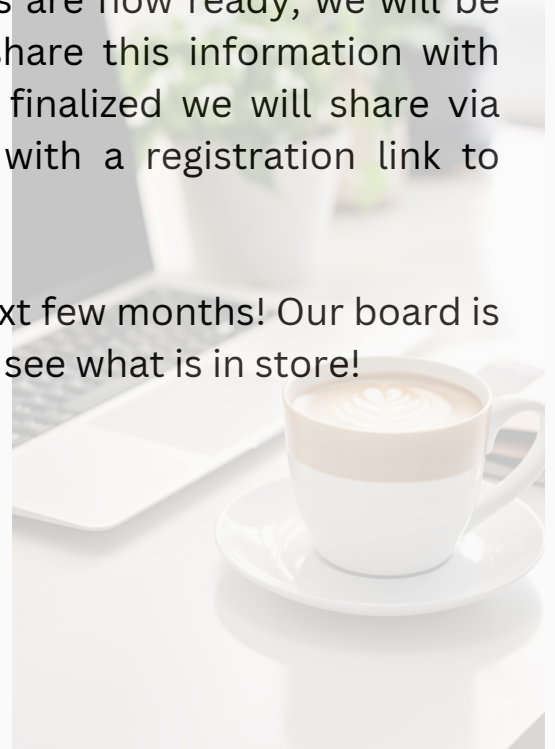
We are starting to see some gradually more sunny days – hopefully this leads to some warmer temperatures soon! Your ONTABA™ board has been hard at work already this year. We ran our first virtual event, “Burnout isn’t a personal failure: How job crafting can support sustainable ABA practice” with Dr. Julie Slowiak. This was a great event covering such an important topic faced by many in our field. We rounded off March with our first ever Student Practicum Panel. This panel was free for students and included a variety of professionals and students offering wisdom on considerations for practicum placements. What a valuable experience for students heading into practica soon!

For those that attended our AGM in the fall, you may remember that our financial audit was not ready at that time. As things are now ready, we will be hosting an online special meeting late spring to share this information with members. Once a date for this meeting has been finalized we will share via social media and member communication, along with a registration link to attend.

We have a lot of exciting events upcoming for the next few months! Our board is eager to share with you all and I can’t wait for you to see what is in store!

Jessica Cauchi, Board President
She/Her
Ontario Association for Behaviour Analysis™

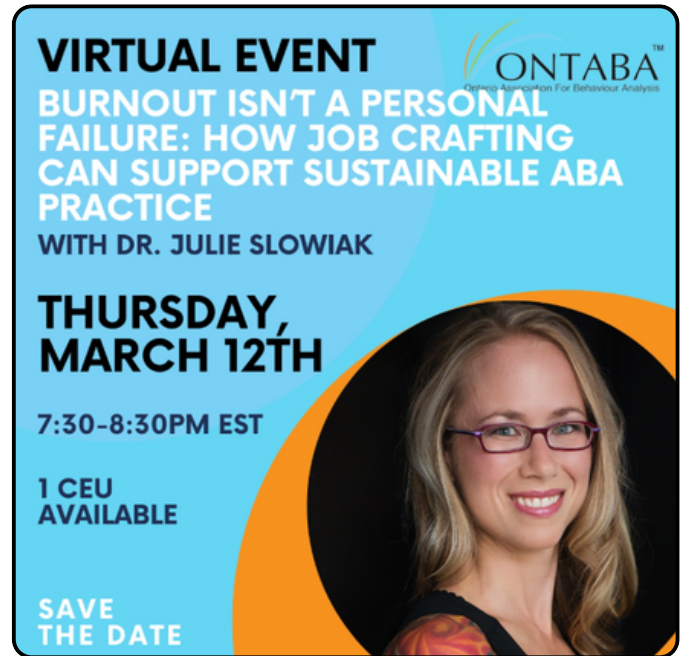
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jessica'.




EVENTS

Thank you to Dr Julie Slowiak who hosted our first 2026 event on March 12th!

78 participants joined us to learn more about 'Burnout isn't a personal failure: how job crafting can support a sustainable ABA practice.'



VIRTUAL EVENT 
BURNOUT ISN'T A PERSONAL FAILURE: HOW JOB CRAFTING CAN SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE ABA PRACTICE
WITH DR. JULIE SLOWIAK
THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH
7:30-8:30PM EST
1 CEU AVAILABLE
SAVE THE DATE



VIRTUAL EVENT 
ONTABA PRESENTS: THE PRACTICUM PANEL
GET PREPARED. GET REAL ANSWERS.
THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH
6:30-8:00PM EST
FREE FOR STUDENTS

45 people joined our webinar for advice on their practicum.

Thank you to our panelists!

UPCOMING EVENTS

VIRTUAL EVENT

ONTABA™
Ontario Association For Behaviour Analysis

DEMYSTIFYING AI FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS: NAVIGATING ETHICAL ADOPTION AND ALGORITHMIC BIAS

WITH JACOB SOSINE, BEHAVIORCHAIN LLC

**THURSDAY,
APRIL 16TH**

6:00-7:30PM EST

**1.5 CEU
AVAILABLE**

**SAVE
THE DATE**

A graphic featuring a glowing blue network of nodes and lines, with the letters 'AI' in the center, set against a dark blue background with a light blue and orange circular gradient.

Register online!
[https://ontaba.org/
all-events/](https://ontaba.org/all-events/)



SAVE THE DATE!

NEXTGEN STUDENT CONFERENCE

Details coming soon!

EVENING FOR BEHAVIOURAL ANALYSIS

Save the Date: June 19 @ 6:30pm

Location: Oshawa Convention Centre

PRIDE PARADE

TORONTO 2026

ONTABA will be represented at
this year's Pride Parade march in
Toronto on Sunday June 28th.

Keep an eye out for more details
in our socials!

ONTABACON

October 15-16 2026

The Analyst podcast returns!



ONTABA's first and only podcast is back! And better than ever!! The Board is re-launching the podcast but keeping its heart and soul – Jamie Santana! We are thrilled for his return to the interviewer chair as he gets ready to interview some of Ontario and the world's rockstar clinicians, researchers, people with lived experience, and those with a passion for behaviour analysis. You can check us out on Spotify, Apple Music, or wherever you listen to your podcasts. Episodes will be released a minimum of monthly with upcoming topics such as regulation in Ontario, planning to make impacts across a lifespan, professional collaboration, contextual behaviour science, and much more!



HOSTED BY:
JAIME SANTANA, M.ADS, RBA(ONT.), BCBA

If you have an idea or would like to suggest yourself/someone you know to be a guest on The Analyst please fill out the following form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckHkghB8zzk416fOHPnYajUUkhjnVHrSTR16CZKkuqm1QMg/viewform?usp=header>

NEW EPISODE ALERT COMING APRIL...

MEET AND DISCUSS WITH

	
DR. JESSICA CAUCHI. ONTABA President PhD, RBA (Ont.), BCBA-D,	DR. BRIAN MASON ONTABA President-Elect PhD, RBA (Ont.), BCBA-D

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP!!



ADULT BEHAVIOURAL SERVICES AND ACCESS SIG

<https://sites.google.com/view/adult-behaviour-services-acces/home?authuser=2>

Hi all,

What a whirlwind 2026 has been! ABSA was officially approved by ONTABA in January 2026 and since then we have already formed a board of directors, launched a website, started a resource collection, and hosted our first event!

ABSA focuses on research and applications of applied behaviour analysis across adulthood, with particular attention to access to care, continuity of services, and meaningful behaviour supports across a lifespan. Our work centers on adults with disabilities and diverse support needs, recognizing that behavioural services should not end at childhood or transition points, but remain responsive, ethical, and accessible. This SIG will serve as a professional space for discussion, community wide collaboration, and systems-level thinking related to adult behavioural services.

Earlier this year, ABSA was lucky enough to host a virtual introduction session where clinicians, caregivers, and researchers joined to share their opinions on the SIG's development and what they hope to see from it both in a short-term and long-term capacity.

The feedback had stand out themes including wanting and needing RESOURCES, hoping for more opportunities for ADVOCACY, and seeking CONNECTION in a relatively isolating sector of the field.

[HTTPS://ONTABA.ORG/SPECIAL-INTEREST-GROUPS/](https://ontaba.org/special-interest-groups/)

ABSA Continued

People in the adult sector want:

Resources - Advocacy - Connection

They said that...

Resources: Resources would make membership more valuable, as these can be used to enhance member's own knowledge and can be shared with others to help disseminate

- for families and adults with IDD to help navigate life's challenges
- more diverse opportunities for CEUS
- increasing training opportunities (i.e. supervision, practicum students)

Advocacy:

- for those disserved by systemic barriers in adult services (e.g. access to more clinical services, proper monitoring for quality of services, accessing better supports in other fields, people living in hospital or sub-par living environments)
- empowering families and amplifying their voices, as well as the voices of self-advocates
- improving education at all levels to help equip those entering the field with proper ideologies and core skillsets

Seeking Connection: This is an isolating and siloed sector, building community would help with resource sharing, problem solving, creativity, etc.

- Families and self-advocates would like to be more connected to hear what solutions others have come up with
- To promote progress and evolution in the field and continue moving forward rather than backward

ABSA wants to move the needle forward, and we want to do it together with you! ABSA is busy at work planning next steps and ensuring that what we do next will begin to help meet the needs the group so amazingly identified. Please follow us on social media and check out our websites for future announcements!

"THERE ARE NO SHORTCUTS TO ANY PLACE WORTH GOING"



ETHICS COLUMN

Do you have an ethics question that you would like answered by a registered behaviour analyst?

Reach out to

secretary@ontaba.org

and your question could be answered in the next newsletter!



Did You Know?

ONTABA has multiple opportunities to post on our **website, social media** or in our **newsletter**.

Check out the links below!!



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Newsletter Ad Request



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Social Media Request

Please note: we reserve the right to reject submissions at our discretion.
We will not be accepting job postings as part of newsletter advertising.

Exam Help!

ONTABA
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GET UP TO 14 WEEKS OF ACCESS,
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4/19
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4/7
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+	LINGGO
+	PASS THE BIG ABA EXAM
+	PERKOPOLIS
+	SPC

Do you have an idea for a 'perk' you'd like to see added?

Send your idea to secretary@ontaba.org

No promises...but we'll do our best!!

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