Behavior support for individuals with autism and other severe disabilities: Practical, evidence-based initiatives

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Schools often struggle to support children whose autism or other severe disability is complicated by significant and challenging behaviors. Fortunately, interventions designed to prevent or reduce problem behaviors in such children are amongst the most thoroughly researched. The Delaware Autism Program (DAP) has embarked on a systematic effort to develop research-based standards for behavior support and intervention, the initial results of which are presented in this conference. Following introductory remarks that prioritize functionally-based and preventative strategies, we present practical standards for behavioral assessment appropriate for simple and complex behaviors, accompanied by case studies. Together with Kristi Peters from John S. Charlton School, we present how the needs of the most challenging students (including procedures for addressing behavioral crises) can be integrated into school-wide PBS initiatives. We then present model protocols for several research-based antecedent interventions that address concerns around procedural integrity, cost-effectiveness, and human rights. We also present examples of new technology for video-capture and encoding of problem behaviors. Finally, we present future directions, including draft recommendations for monitoring the implementation of behavior plans, and designing individualized supports for extremely challenging students.

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Schedule
8:30-9:00 Registration & Introductory Remarks
9:00-10:30 Standards for behavior assessment
10:45-11:45 PBS for very complex students: The top (top) 5%!
12:15-1:00 Research-based protocols for antecedent interventions
1:00-1:45 New technologies: video capture
1:45-2:45 Future directions

Cost: $30 for Delaware public health/public school employees, $60 for other professionals, $15 for parents. Delaware Public school/health agencies will be billed directly – otherwise, pay by check (to DAP). Cost includes lunch. Attendees will received a copy of presentations and other accompanying materials. Note that this presentation is sponsored by DAP for the benefit of parents and public agencies serving individuals with autism. All proceeds are used to defray the costs of the DAP Educational Seminars.

Pre-registration & payment required by May 23, 2008.
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