

# Teaming with General/ Education Teachers for Optimal Results

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## Today's Focus

- Quality assessment
- Quality preparation with general education teachers
- Quality support for staff
- Quality collaboration
- Quality outcomes

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- Students who entered a support program from Pre-School without a plan for inclusion in general education.
- Students who displayed significant problem behavior, and the IEP team decided that the general education setting was not appropriate at this time.
- Students who have shown an inability to acquire academic content with accommodations and modifications in the general education classroom; and the IEP team decided that the general education setting was not appropriate at this time.

## IDEA

- The Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) supports inclusive practices by requiring that *"to the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities, including children in public or private institutions or other care facilities, are educated with children that are non-disabled; and that special classes, separate schooling or other removal of children with disabilities from the regular educational environment occurs only if the nature or severity is such that education in regular classes with the use of supplementary aids and services, cannot be achieved satisfactorily."* (IDEA, 1997)

## Least Restrictive Environment

- Educating students with disabilities in general education classes with supplementary aids and services
  - Modifications and accommodations
- The general education class must be the starting place for any decision-making about the placement of any special education student
- Needs of students vary therefore, IDEA also requires that a continuum of placements be available

## Effective Practices

- School placement
- Student's meaningful participation
- Use of effective teaching procedures
- Adapted materials and curriculum
- Team based approach
- Structures to support belonging

## School Placement

- It is preferable that students are members of diverse, age-appropriate general education classes in their neighborhood school with supplementary aids and services provided to support **learning and participation**.
- Based on student's needs additional support may be needed
  - Itinerant (special education services provides 20% or less)
  - Supplemental (special education services provides 20% to 80%)
  - Full Time (special education services provides 80% or more)

## Student's Participation

- Students participate as independently as possible, with appropriate supports, in all school activities and routines
- Meaningful participation can be significantly impacted for students with autism based on each individual student's skill set and needs
- Level of participation is based on results of assessment:
  - Academic
  - Behavior
  - Social
  - Life Skills



## Assessment

- Complete comprehensive assessments that allow the team to plan for meaningful inclusion:
  - Language assessments
  - Academic assessments
  - State assessments
  - Social skills assessments
  - Vocational assessments

## VB-MAPP

### (Verbal Behavior Milestones Assessment Placement Program)

Behavioral language assessment that addresses sixteen critical milestone areas which include critical language, learning and social skills:

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| • Mand  | • Textual (reading)                               |
| • Tact  | • Visual perceptual skills and matching-to-sample |
| • Intraverbal   | • Independent play                                |
| • Echoic  | • Social behavior and social play                 |
| • Motor imitation   | • Spontaneous vocal behavior                      |
| • Transcription and copying-a-text (writing)                                      | • Classroom routines and group skills             |
| • Listener responding, listener responding by function, feature and class (LRFFC) | • Linguistic structure                            |
|   | • Math.   |

## VB-MAPP

- Some questions that need to be considered to determine if the student has specific skills to meaningfully participate and, in the case of students with an IEP, meet their goals in a specific placement:
  - Can they follow directions?
  - Can they label items?
  - Can they request items from adults and peer?
  - Can they imitate peers?
  - Can they answer questions?
  - Can they participate in a group?
  - Can they complete activities independently?

## VB-MAPP Barriers Assessment

Allows identification of possible barriers to language and other skill acquisition that might impeded a child's progress

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Negative behaviors</li> <li>• Instruction control (escape and avoidance behaviors)</li> <li>• Absent, weak, or impaired mand</li> <li>• Absent, weak, or impaired tact</li> <li>• Absent, weak, or impaired motor imitation</li> <li>• Absent, weak, or impaired echoic</li> <li>• Absent, weak, or impaired matching-to-sample</li> <li>• Absent, weak, or impaired listener repertoires</li> <li>• Absent, weak, or impaired intraverbal</li> <li>• Absent, weak, or impaired social behavior</li> <li>• Prompt dependent</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrolling responses</li> <li>• Impaired scanning skills</li> <li>• Failure to make conditional discriminations</li> <li>• Failure to generalize</li> <li>• Weak or atypical motivators</li> <li>• Response requirement weakens motivation</li> <li>• Reinforcement dependent</li> <li>• Self-stimulation</li> <li>• Articulation problems</li> <li>• Obsessive-compulsive behavior</li> <li>• Hyperactivity</li> <li>• Failure to make eye contact, or attend to people</li> <li>• Sensory defensiveness</li> </ul> |
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## VB-MAPP Barriers Assessment

- Questions that need to be asked which are based on whether the student has barriers that impede learning and/or absence of skills needed to succeed:
  - Do they have strong and persistent negative behaviors?
  - Do they have absent, weak, or some impaired for the verbal operants or related skills?
  - Are they prompt and/or reinforcer dependent?
  - Can they generalize skills?
  - Do they have any specific behaviors that compete with learning? (self-stimulation, hyperactive)

## VB-MAPP Transition Assessment

This assessment is designed to provide an objective evaluation of a child's overall skills and existing learning capabilities to help provide quantifiable information relevant to the educational placement of the student. There are 18 measurable areas identified on this assessment.

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| • Overall VB-MAPP Milestones score                                     | • Rate of skill acquisition       |
| • Overall VB-MAPP Barriers score                                       | • Retention of new skills         |
| • VB-MAPP Barriers score on negative behaviors and instruction control | • Natural environment learning    |
| • VB-MAPP scores on classroom routines and group skills                | • Transfer to new verbal operants |
| • VB-MAPP scores on social behavior and social play                    | • Adaptability to change          |
| • Independent work on academic tasks                                   | • Spontaneous behaviors           |
| • Generalization   | • Independent play skills         |
| • Variation of reinforcers   | • General self-help skills        |
|  | • Toileting skills                |
|  | • Eating skills                   |

## VB-MAPP Transition Assessment

- Questions that need to be asked which are based on whether the student has specific skills for a placement:
  - Do they work independently on academic tasks?
  - Do they generalize skills?
  - Do they acquire and retain new skills on an average rate?
  - Do they learn in the natural environment?
  - Do they transfer skills between verbal operants without training?
  - Do they have independent toilet skills?

## Academic Assessments

- Aligned with PA Core Standards
- Subject and grade level specific
- Help to determine where a student's academic strengths and needs are.
- Examples:
  - District Curriculum Based Assessments
  - Reading Inventories (DRI, QRI)
  - Direct Instruction Placement Tests (Reading Mastery, Language for Learning, Connecting Math Concepts)
  - Computer Benchmark Testing (Study Island)

## Preference Assessments

- Help to determine items, activities and events that are valuable to the student and may serve as potential reinforcers.
- May be helpful to begin inclusion in preferred settings where motivation is high.
- Can also help to determine possible reinforcing items to use in general education environment.
- Work with families to complete!
- Example:

## Preference Assessments

**APPENDIX 3.**  
**Reinforcement Assessment Form**

Child's Name: Daige Leake Date: 8/2/14  
Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Prior to beginning intensive teaching it is important to identify ALL of your child's motivators or reinforcers. Many children have very specific reinforcers and some like to use them only in a particular way. Please provide as much detail as possible about your child's reinforcers. This information will help expedite the transition to intensive teaching.

Using a scale of 1-5 (1 being the most favorable) please indicate your child's preferences below:

**1. What are your child's favorite indoor activities?**

Puzzles _____	Games <u>4</u>
Books <u>3</u>	Sensory toys <u>2</u>
Musical Instruments _____	Computer games <u>1</u>
Action Figures _____	Painting _____
Bowling _____	Play dough <u>2</u>
Other: _____	
Notes: _____	

**2. What are your child's outdoor playtime activities?**

Bicycle <u>2</u>	Swing set <u>1</u>	Trampoline <u>2</u>
Theme Parks <u>4</u>	Swimming _____	Slide <u>3</u>
Roller-skating _____		

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**3. What are your child's favorite video preferences?**

Disney movies _____	Animated movies _____	Cartoons <u>1</u>
Real-life animal videos _____		
List some of your child's favorite videos: <u>Cartoons</u> <u>Animals</u> , <u>History</u> , <u>Cartoons</u> , <u>Cartoons</u> , <u>Cartoons</u>		

**4. What are your child's favorite snacks?**

Candy <u>4</u>	Fruit <u>4</u>
Cookies <u>2</u>	Crackers <u>3</u>
Chutney _____	Pretzels <u>1</u>
Chips <u>2</u> , <u>3</u>	
Ice cream <u>4</u>	
Other: _____	
List your child's favorite brand names: _____	

**5. What are your child's favorite beverages?**

Soda <u>4</u>	Juice <u>4</u>	Water <u>4</u>
Milk <u>4</u>		
List your child's favorite flavors and brand names: _____		

**6. What are your child's favorite books?**

Pop-up books <u>4</u>	Picture books <u>3</u>
Books with sound cards <u>3</u>	Sensory books <u>1</u>
Puzzle book <u>3</u>	Coloring books _____
Sticker books _____	
Notes: _____	

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## Preference Assessments

### 7. What are your child's preferences for pets?

Cats <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dogs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
more than one dog	Fish <input type="checkbox"/>
Hamsters <input type="checkbox"/>	
Gerbils <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
Notes <input type="text"/>	

### 8. What is your child's special strength?

Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Math <input type="checkbox"/>
Music <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Spatial <input type="checkbox"/>
Reading <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Computer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
Notes <input type="text"/>	

### 9. What activity does your child prefer when using the computer?

CD Rom games <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Internet Sites <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
List your child's CD Rom games <input type="text"/>	
List your child's favorite Internet sites <input type="text"/>	

### 10. What are your child's favorite songs?

Song 1. <input type="text"/>
Song 2. <input type="text"/>
Song 3. <input type="text"/>
Song 4. <input type="text"/>
Song 5. <input type="text"/>

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## Student Participation

- **Meaningful** participation is based on completed assessments.
  - Assessments show that a student is ready for instruction in the general education environment
- or
- Assessments show what areas need to be targeted with systematic instruction prior to inclusion.

## Readiness Skills:

- Student has the component skills to allow meaningful participation (active responding and learning) in the general education setting .
- Some critical considerations:
  - social skill development
  - academic skills with some supplemental aids and services
  - academic skills with support for social, behavior and life skills
  - academic skills with no additional special education supports

## Questions?

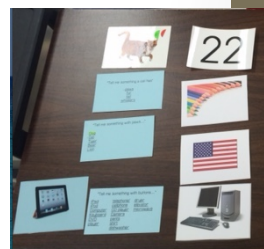
- At this time, we would be glad to try to answer any questions you may have so far.

## Preparing for Inclusion

- For students who require systematic instruction in specific skill areas in order to have meaningful participation in the general education setting, look at the following areas:
  - Social skills
  - Academic skills
  - Behavior skills
  - Life skills

## Using Effective Teaching Procedures

- Effective teaching procedures are explicit, data-based, and include systematic instruction for learning new skills.
- Effective teaching procedures will be specifically designed depending on:
  - Type of placement for integration and/or inclusion
    - Ready for inclusion
      - Itinerant, Supplemental, Full Time
    - Preparing for inclusion
      - ITT to NET generalization of skills
      - Use of inclusion materials/ adaptive concepts
      - Reverse Inclusion
      - Peer-to-peer manding
      - Adaptive classes
  - Purpose of the integration and/inclusion





## Effective Teaching Procedures Ready for Inclusion

- Determine level of support needed in general education setting.
- Decided what if any accommodations or modifications are necessary.
- Determine specific goals for participation and learning in the general education setting.
- Develop method of communication with general education teachers.
- Use evidence based teaching procedures (Direct Instruction, errorless teaching, fast paced instruction etc. ) to pre-teach any subject specific material and routines for the general education classroom.
- Develop data collection tools (frequency of responding, grades, probe data collection, task analysis etc.)

## Effective Teaching Procedures

### Preparing for Inclusion: Using materials that are similar to those used in the general education setting

- For students who have skills in academic areas but need to improve related skills for participating in large groups
- Some common targeted areas:
  - Group skills
  - Social skills
  - Independent tasks
  - Instructional control
  - Problem behavior
  - Reinforcer dependency
  - Learning/responding in the natural environment

## Effective Teaching Procedures

### Preparing for Inclusion:

#### Using Inclusion materials/concepts

- **Purpose:**
  - Provide student with a similar grade specific group experience as a general education classroom to learn new concepts in a controlled and flexible environment that will allow adaptation of instruction/materials/reinforcement to student's specific needs
- **Effective Teaching Procedures used:**
  - Teaching procedures from Direct instruction:
    - Model-Lead-Test ("I do," "We do," and "You do")
  - Errorless teaching and fading prompts quickly
  - Signals to respond
  - Immediate positive reinforcement
  - Fast-paced instruction
  - Intersperse easy and hard skills (80% easy-20% hard)
  - Use known skills and strengths within instruction for examples and successful responding that allows opportunities to contact reinforcement
  - Use explicit wording/language and tools used within Direct Instruction programs that students are familiar with
    - "Sound it out" and "Say it fast" (Reading Mastery), "Say the whole thing" (Language for Learning), Use a number line (Connecting Math)
  - Adapt materials for individual students
  - Collect and analyze data to determine possible instructional adjustments

## Effective Teaching Procedures

### Preparing for Inclusion:

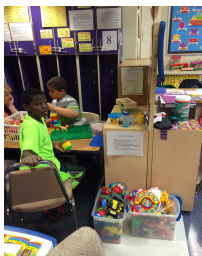
#### Another Option: Adaptive Class

- Have a general education teacher teach a small class with students with an adaptive curriculum.
  - For students that are ready to generalize mastered skills to different environments but still require the small group settings that are flexible and accommodating to the student's specific skills areas of need

## Effective Teaching Procedures

### Preparing for Inclusion: Reverse Inclusion

- Having a small group of students that are mixed of general education students and Autistic Support students that is run by the special education teacher to teach new concepts.
  - For students who have a variety of known skills and are ready to generalize skills with typical students on a variety of different skills during a session but still require support and flexibility of instruction
  - For students who are ready to begin pairing with typical age peers



## Effective Teaching Procedures

### Preparing for Inclusion: Reverse Inclusion

- **Purpose:**
  - Provide student with a natural environment experience with typical peers by having a small group with adaptive materials/instruction to learn new concepts within the general education curriculum and/or related grade specific skills
- **Effective Teaching Procedures used:**
  - Teaching procedures from Direct instruction:
    - Model-Lead-Test ("I do," "We do," and "You do")
  - Immediate positive reinforcement
  - Use peer models within instruction
  - Intersperse easy and hard skills (80% easy-20% hard)
  - Use strengths and areas of interest within instruction for purposes of maintaining motivation to respond and making instruction relevant to student
  - Use explicit and direct instructions
  - Adapt materials for individual students
  - Collect and analyze data to determine possible instructional adjustments








## Questions?

- At this time, we would be glad to try to answer any questions you may have so far.


## Quality Preparation for Optimal Results

- Formal competency-based training for ALL adults working with the child: Classroom teacher, Speech teacher, OT, PT, principal(s), PCA, Classroom aides, Special Education teacher, all specialists, Special Education Representative
- School Visit:
  - Meet child
  - Meet parents
  - Provide tour of classroom/school
  - Begin pairing with student
- Share student information with building staff so they become familiar with students
  - Example:

# Quality Preparation for Optimal Results

 <p><b>Autistic Support Class 2014-2015</b></p> <p>August, 2014</p>	<p><b>What We Will Talk About Today</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students in the A.S. classroom for 2014-2015.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Caleb</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some verbal language</li> <li>Not always clearly understood</li> <li>Has a TSS- Cody</li> <li>Can have aggressive behaviors</li> </ul>	<p><b>Aniya</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very verbal</li> <li>Easily understood</li> <li>No TSS</li> <li>No aggressive behaviors</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ben</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some verbal language</li> <li>Difficult to understand</li> <li>No TSS</li> <li>No aggressive behaviors</li> </ul>	<p><b>Carl</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-verbal; communicates using sign language</li> <li>PCA: Ms. Sirey</li> <li>Very aggressive behaviors</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sarah</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full time 2nd grade with Mrs. Kelly</li> <li>Very verbal, easily understood</li> <li>PCA: Currently Mrs. Eimerbrink (only temporarily)</li> <li>No aggressive behaviors</li> </ul>	<p><b>Graden</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very verbal, easily understood</li> <li>No TSS</li> <li>Can have some aggressive behaviors</li> </ul>

# Quality Preparation for Optimal Results

<p><b>Room 419</b></p> <p>Central York School District Autism Support</p>	<p>Classroom will start with 3 students with varying levels of need.</p> <p>There will be 1 teacher, 1 paraprofessional, and outside agency staff.</p> <p>The classroom will also be supported by the PATTAN Autism Initiative.</p>	<p><b>Students</b></p> <p><b>Alexander</b></p>  <p>Loves music especially country and pop Likes going for walks, dancing, and going to baseball games. Enjoys playing on the computer or with his ipod/ipad. Likes giving high 5's, laughs a lot, and is super sweet!</p>
<p><b>Students</b></p> <p><b>Dejah</b></p> <p>Loves music mostly female R&amp;B artists. Likes going for walks, singing, and dancing. Enjoys playing on the computer or ipod. Likes doing math problems and reading numbers.</p>	<p><b>Students</b></p> <p><b>Brandon Ream</b></p>  <p>Loves music and dancing. Likes going for walks. Enjoys playing and watching basketball. Has a great sense of humor and loves to laugh!</p>	<p><b>Please help us by....</b></p> <p>Greeting students in the hall, and wait a brief moment for their response. While they may have support people with them, please speak directly to the student. The staff will provide prompting if needed.</p> <p>Feel free to give high 5's, joke around, or otherwise interact if you see students out walking.</p> <p>Answer questions from other students as honestly as possible and feel free to direct any respectful questions to classroom staff.</p> <p>If you see a potential issue in the hallway, do not stop unless asked. We have very specific behavior plans in place and will ask for help if we need it.</p>

## Team Based Approach– Quality Collaborating for Optimal Results

- Collaboration with all team members is key for successful integration/inclusion (consistency and fidelity of training)
- School Team includes:
  - General education teacher, special education teacher, paraprofessionals, parent, and any related services that could offer specialized support
- School teams have regularly scheduled planning and problem solving meetings to include topics of:
  - Student's progress based on data (positive progress and regression)
  - Academic concerns
  - Behavior concerns (can also review procedures and protocols for intervention)
  - Additional support needed
  - Review of procedures and protocols for instruction
  - Front-load upcoming skills
  - Changes needed to be made for
    - Effective teaching procedures
    - Adaptive materials or curriculum
    - Placement or level of placement
- Ongoing communication exists between all team members
  - Pre-Inclusion Questionnaire
  - Inclusion Team Meeting Report Sheet
  - Can include informal communication as well!

## Team Based Approach

One example of a method to share information with paraprofessionals.

### Support Staff Responsibilities to Facilitate Inclusion

Classroom Teacher Name:

Subject:

Where should the support staff sit in your classroom?
What are items not allowed in your classroom?
How many times would you like to address a situation or problem before the support staff intervenes?
Are there times when the support staff should not be talking to the student?
Who would you prefer the student's questions are addressed to, the teacher or support staff?
If the support staff has a question would you prefer them to come to the classroom teacher or to the support teacher?
What are other expectations of the support staff while in your classroom? (please be as specific as possible)

# Team Based Approach

One example of a method to document team meetings

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Start time: \_\_\_\_\_ End time: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendees sign in:

\_\_\_\_\_

Regular mtg. ☐ Specially scheduled mtg. ☐ Admin. Requested ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Student/Topic	
Discussion points	
Action to be taken	
Individual(s) Responsible	
Completion Date	
Initial(s)	

## Examples of Informal Communication as Collaboration:

**Amanda Brudowsky**

To: Keeli Dickmyer

Inbox

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Wednesday, April 08, 2015 9:30 AM

Our presenter will be starting her demo and hands on activity soon. Alexander is welcome when he is ready!

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**Amanda Brudowsky**

Inbox



Monday, February 23, 2015 12:03 PM

Thanks again for letting him come! The group he was in did great. The lab they did required a little more multi-tasking then they had prepared for, so there were times I jumped in to recommend a task for Alexander because they were getting overwhelmed at the recipes they had. I checked in with them and they said he was doing great! I look forward to working with Alexander and watching him grow in the lab :) Ms. Jess is always welcome to grab me during lab to give me a heads up on different skills she thinks he is capable of completing for that particular lab, or especially to provide feedback for the group that Alexander is working in on that day. I asked her a few times about skills so that I could make sure he was more involved. Our lab recipes switched up a little, but nothing drastic. We will be in lab the next 2 Mondays making applesauce and taco dip, and then the following Tuesday after the 4 day weekend. Let me know if there's anything else that I can do to help Alexander have a positive experience!

Have a fantastic day.

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## Examples of Informal Communication as Collaboration:

Andrew Walker

To: Keeli Dickmyer

Cc: James Grandi

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Friday, April 10, 2015 3:20 PM

Fine by me. I do want to discuss some strategies for working with Alexander. I feel very unequipped in relating to him and maybe an IEP would enlighten me as to his specific needs. I don't know what to say to him when he constantly outbursts when I am trying to talk. There are many times when I am interjecting something important to the class mid-period, or - say, at the beginning or end of the period I try addressing them... and every time I begin talking, Alexander's voice trumps any effort on my part. I pause, then restart, but it seems as though my voice merely triggers him to yet utter again...??? Maybe there are some strategies that can be taken into consideration which mitigate this effect? I'm all ears, but have not been able to touch base during my planning period this week (due to my addressing my students' requests to change their grades).

Andy

AD Art

Keeli Dickmyer

To: Andrew Walker

Friday, April 17, 2015 8:08 AM

Happy Friday!!!!

I am so sorry I haven't had a chance to reply to your e-mail. Its been a bit crazy in here this week. I wanted to let you know that I did review a few things with the TSS that will hopefully help with Alexander's vocalizations. Also, you are doing the best thing to just continue to try and address the class and not address anything with Alexander. You can also give Jesse a heads up if you are going to talk for a bit and she can take Alexander for a walk. It is important that he leave with a quiet mouth though so she may not go right away. Also, Jess mentioned that there is some down time when you are talking in the beginning of the class so she thought it might be best to bring Alexander down a little later. Sorry for the late notice, but that's what we are trying today. Let me know how that works for you.

Have a wonderful weekend!!!!  
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## Examples of Informal Communication as Collaboration:

☆ Amy Musone

September 26, 2014 1:01 PM

To: Kerri Collins

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RE: Student

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Christian said that things went well today. If it is okay, I will ask if someone would be interested in being his buddy on Monday. That is of course, if it works better for him that way. Please let me know and I will rally one of the troops!

Amy

Amy Musone

December 7, 2014 8:48 PM

To: Kerri Collins

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Panther Pantry

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Hi, Kerri.

Any chance that Aniya, Ben, or Caleb would want to help with the Panther Pantry this week? There are some items that need to be counted and boxed. They can work with Imani & Lauren to do this. Let me know.

Thanks,  
Amy



# Examples of Informal Communication as Collaboration:

**Kelly Harper** November 11, 2014 2:17 PM  
To: Kathy Engelhart, Hilary Graves, Samantha Beck, Andrew Stiffler [Hide Details](#)  
Cc: Kerri Collins, Regina Peckmann, Amy Musone, Jodie Lauber, [Inbox - CYSD](#)  
Susan Weikert, Jennifer Mummert, Tammi Kelly, Matthew Miller, Jennifer Leese  
Autistic Support Inclusion

Hello Everyone,

I wanted to let you know that several students from our Autistic Support classroom will be joining our friends in reg. ed. for specials. The goal is to increase socialization skills with their peers. We would like to start including these students once Kerri has had the opportunity to meet with specialists. Below is the list of students:

Ben Tran – Will have music 4x/week, Day 1 with Peckmann, Day 2 with Musone, Day 4 with Lauber, and Day 5 with Weikert  
Graden Gardner – Phys. Ed. With Mummert, Music with Kelly, Phys. Ed. With Kelly, Library with Kelly  
Aniya Dantzler - Phys. Ed. With Mummert, Music with Kelly, Phys. Ed. With Kelly, Library with Kelly

Specialists – Kerri will discuss the students and expectations during your collaboration on Friday morning  
Classroom Teachers – Just and FYI

Thanks,  
Kelly

**Kelly Harper**  
Assistant Principal  
Roundtown Elementary

# Remember Reinforcement...Staff need it too!

- Concrete reinforcement with specific verbal praise

Hi Amanda,

I just wanted to thank you so much for being so welcoming with Alexander and Ms. Jess today. Ms. Jess was super impressed with how you interacted with Alexander and your teaching presentation. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Ms. Jess mentioned that Alexander had some problem behaviors, but she thinks they will decrease once he gets a little more comfortable. She also said that the students were doing really well by the end. So really I just wanted to say THANK YOU SO MUCH for being awesome!!!!

Keeli P. Dickmyer  
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To: Amy Musone [Hide Details](#)  
Re: Tact Actions [Sent - CYSD](#)

Hi Amy! That is wonderful! I attached the list of tact actions that we are looking for— ideally multiple examples of the actions in a variety of settings. For example— if the action is sliding, you could record students going down several different slides. The videos wouldn't have any words, just show the actions. If it was a two component tact action such as waving flag or waving \_\_\_\_\_, it could have videos of students literally waving anything (marker, flag, shoe, string, balloon). The big thing I think is to just have the action recorded because when we present it, we will say to the students "What is he/she doing?" or "Tell me everything about what he/she is doing?". Hope that makes sense! Let me know if you need more clarification : ) I think it is wonderful you are having your class do this!! : )

## Examples of Informal Communication as Collaboration:

**Cathe Davis**

To: Kerri Collins

RE: A.S. Weekly update

February 23, 2015 9:46 AM

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[Inbox - CYSD](#) 1


Hi Kerri,

I just wanted to let you know that I won't be able to attend the A.S Core Team meeting tomorrow morning because I have the monthly special ed team meeting at Hayshire at the same time. I'll look for the summary on the next weekly update.

Please let me know if you need anything ~ in addition to the observations of Sarah in specials which have gotten away from me, but that I intend to do this week!

Hope you have a great week!  
Cathe

## Examples of Informal Communication as Collaboration:

**Renee Decker** 

To: Kerri Collins, Heather Dusich, Nicole Zeger, Tammi Kelly

Frontloading Stuff

May 7, 2015 8:11 AM

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[Inbox - CYSD](#)

Hi Team,  
Here are some materials.  
Thanks,  
Renee

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## Adaptive Materials/Curriculum & Data Collection

- Adaptive Materials & Curriculum are carefully planned as a collaboration of team members based on the students individual needs, as described in the IEP
- Data Collection is taken to track the progress of the student and determine effectiveness of the adaptive materials & curriculum and guide instructional decisions
- Adaptive Materials & Curriculum as well as data collection will be specifically designed depending on
  - Type of placement for integration and/or inclusion
  - Purpose of the integration and/inclusion
  - Individual student's needs

## Adaptive Materials & Curriculum

### Ready for Inclusion

- Provide adaptations/modifications based on specially designed instructions listed in student's IEP
- Adapt/modify assignments to focus on specific goals for general education setting (goals for social, life, or academic skills)
  - Ex. An assignment is given in music class to research and compare song meanings from two different time periods. Academically this is a project far above the current level of the student. Assignment modified to focus on life skills (using computer to find information, using mouse to select, cut, and paste information into document, using scissors and glue to design poster, and working independently), social skills (requesting items from peers, working on individual project at a group table, using the computer in close proximity to peers, following directions given to a group), and student's academic level (reading short passages, writing short sentences).

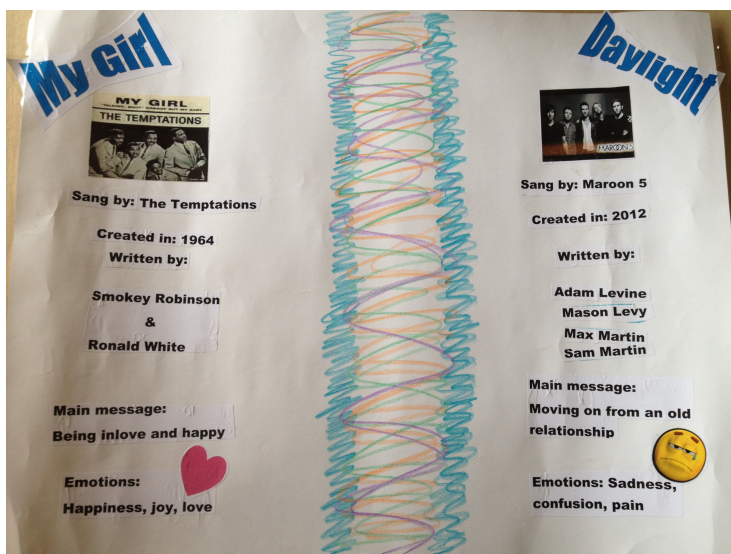
# Adaptive Materials & Curriculum

## Using Inclusion Materials/Concepts

- Adapt Materials
  - Simplify materials used in general education classroom
    - Less examples/problems, simplify directions, make sure there is examples and non-examples of concept
  - Use materials/tools that students have mastered within Direct Instruction Programs
  - Individualize materials based off of student's needs
    - Pencil grips, highlight/color lines on writing paper, read directions or stories to student
- Adapt Curriculum
  - Teach 1 subject specific concept at a time until mastery
  - Pre-teach component skills used within a subject specific concept
    - Teaching telling time: tact/label clock & its parts, tact/label numbers to 12, count by 5's
  - Build upon mastered concepts
  - Repetitive practice with new concepts & mastered concepts

# Adaptive Materials & Curriculum

## Ready for Inclusion













## Questions?

- At this time, we would be glad to try to answer any questions you may have so far.

## Data Collection While in General Education

- Collaborate with general educators and paraprofessionals providing support to determine best method of data collection for inclusive environments.
  - Data should be based on student specific goals.
  - Data should not distract any student and/or interrupt instruction.
  - Data should be used to drive instruction and ensure learning is occurring.
  - If possible include student in data collection (Ex. self monitoring behavior sheets)

Subject: Math		Week Of:	
	My Score		Mrs. G's Score
1. Arrived to class and got seated.	 I Did it!	 I forgot.	Yes      No
2. Got out agenda and pencil.	 I Did it!	 I forgot.	Yes      No
3. Wrote down tonight's homework.	 I Did it!	 I forgot.	Yes      No
4. Took out last night's homework and put it on desk corner.	 I Did it!	 I forgot.	Yes      No
5. Started today's warm-up question.	 I Did it!	 I forgot.	Yes      No

**Self monitoring behavior sheet doubles as a data collection tool.**

## Data Collection

### Using Inclusion Materials/Concepts

- Data collection is based off of what the purpose of lesson was
  - Social skills, group responding, individual responding, mastery of new academic concepts (tests or independent work), generalizing of concept
- Step to collecting data
  - Collect raw measurable data
  - Convert data and/or track data
  - Graph data

# Data Collection -Example

**Weekly Probe Sheet**

Learner - Coleman

Notes	VB-MA-PP	Target Skill	Cold Probes	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
1				Y	N	Y	N	Y
2				Y	N	Y	N	Y
3				Y	N	Y	N	Y
4				Y	N	Y	N	Y
5				Y	N	Y	N	Y
6				Y	N	Y	N	Y
7				Y	N	Y	N	Y
8				Y	N	Y	N	Y
9				Y	N	Y	N	Y
10				Y	N	Y	N	Y
11				Y	N	Y	N	Y
Future Targets (To add as above are mastered)								
12				Y	N	Y	N	Y
13				Y	N	Y	N	Y
14				Y	N	Y	N	Y
15				Y	N	Y	N	Y
16				Y	N	Y	N	Y
17				Y	N	Y	N	Y
18				Y	N	Y	N	Y
19				Y	N	Y	N	Y
20				Y	N	Y	N	Y
21				Y	N	Y	N	Y
22				Y	N	Y	N	Y

T - Tact LR - Receptive I - Intraverbal MI - Motor Imitation E - Echoic

* Notes	Weekly Mand Targets	Cold Probes	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
1 Sign		Was there MO?	No / Mo	No / Mo	No / Mo	No / Mo	No / Mo
2 Sign		TMO - Correct response?	Y	N	Y	N	Y
3 Sign		Was there MO?	No / Mo	No / Mo	No / Mo	No / Mo	No / Mo
4 Sign		TMO - Correct response?	Y	N	Y	N	Y
5 Sign		Was there MO?	No / Mo	No / Mo	No / Mo	No / Mo	No / Mo
6 Sign		TMO - Correct response?	Y	N	Y	N	Y

**Cold Probes** - First one presented with that then that dep. Mo - Motivated correct response - No prompts needed.

NET Data and MAND Data		Peer to Peer Manding		Social Skills Game Playing	
Time in Min	Group Responding S <sup>o</sup> (Opp)	Give to peer	Mands to peer	Time in min	# of Prompts (any type)
		Prompt	Spont	Prompt	Spont
Mon					
Tues					
Wed					
Thurs					
Fri					

# Data Collection -Example

**Completed Direct Instruction Lesson**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reading Mastery: Reading	5	5	5	5	5
Reading Mastery: LAL	0	0	0	0	0
Reading Mastery: Spelling	0	0	0	0	0

**Following Group and Direct Instruction**

Date	Group	Group Instruction (Prompts)	Group Instruction (Responses)	% of Independent Responses	Direct Instruction (Prompts)	Direct Instruction (Responses)	% of Independent Responses
Tu	12	12	100%	100%	4	35	76%
Tu	11	11	75%	75%	1	1	100%
Tu	11	11	100%	100%	1	1	100%
Tu	11	11	100%	100%	1	1	100%

**Daily Instructional Work % Complete**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Total % Complete	100%	98%	100%	100%	100%

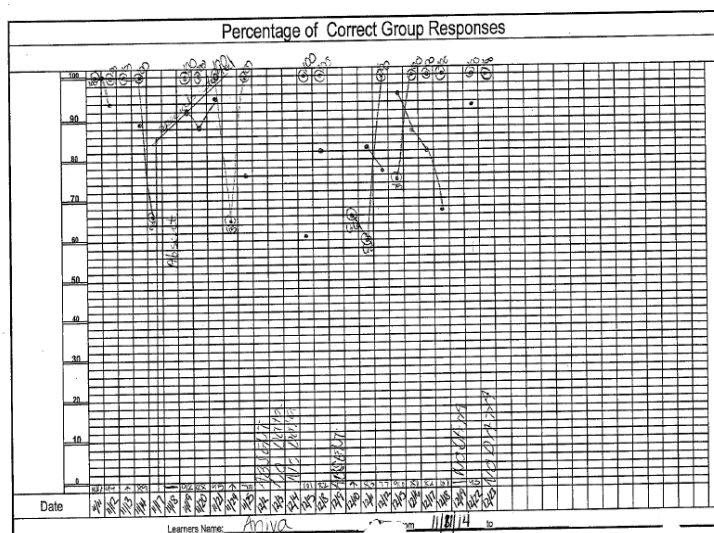
**Mand Frequency Data - Individual**

Date	Total Manding Time	Mands Prompted	Mands Unprompted (with item)	Mands Spontaneous (from not present)	Prompted	Unprompted	Spontaneous
1-11-15	5 min	11	11	1	.40	2.6	.20
1-12-15	5 min	11	11	1			

**Mand Frequency Data - Peer to Peer**

Date	Coll Probe Mand in Peer (VN)	Total Manding Time	Mands Prompted	Mands Unprompted (with item)	Mands Spontaneous (from not present)	Prompted	Unprompted	Spontaneous
1-11-15	5	10 min	5	0	0	.5	0	0
1-12-15	5	10 min	5	0	0	2.0	.1	0
1-13-15	5	10 min	5	0	0			
1-14-15	5	10 min	5	0	0			
1-15-15	5	10 min	5	0	0			

## Data Collection -Example



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## Team Based Approach– Quality On-Going Support for Optimal Results

- Review of team meeting notes on a weekly basis for ALL team members
  - Add new information since last meeting and share with ALL staff (do this for each student!)
  - Example:

Student:	Update:
Sarah Dipuglia 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tammi shared Junior Achievement days               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ April 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> (2:30-3:15)</li> <li>◦ Curriculum is "community related"</li> </ul> </li> <li>• TEAM MEETING for Sarah was 2/25 @ 8am               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Tammi shared that subtraction with regrouping is taking up most of time right now. Tammi will have Stacey video Nicole so they are using consistent language                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amir's questioned- Would it be quicker to have Sarah draw a picture instead of using base ten blocks? We can try this! This will help Sarah in the future with independence.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Nicole shared strategies she uses in math (see math notes below)</li> <li>• Modify worksheets so Sarah has space on the side to do her work.</li> </ul> </li> <li>◦ Within the classroom (behavior wise)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behavior with Nicole and Kerri is good--no concerns</li> <li>• Behavior with Jen D-- at the end of the day is more of a challenge, but Jen establishes motivation and then things are good Sarah completes work appropriately. Doing well with "wrt" questions!</li> <li>• If Sarah calls out during Morning Meeting- can say "Quiet mouth No Shouting"</li> <li>• If Sarah engages in behaviors to access reinforcement (example: turning on lights), options of things to say depending on what she wants could be "Sit down!", "Go back to your seat!", "No Whining"                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can give opportunity to mand appropriately for the reinforcement (2 tries then opportunity to mand is no longer available)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Proximity control is key in preventing this as well. Shared with Stacey where she needs to be located.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Clarification on behaviors and tracking frequency vocalizations (okay if during reinforcement and actively engaged in that. OR if she has an appropriate response to a demand placed). Vocalizations are NOT okay if demand is placed and she is making inappropriate vocalizations such as saying "Chaos" when told to solve a math problem.</li> <li>• Kerri can look at worksheets for Morning Work time the week ahead or other work times and adapt for Sarah as needed. Tammi can share with Kerri and Nicole. Email was sent 2/25.</li> <li>• Nicole shared reading standards</li> <li>• Tammi and Nicole shared updates about vocabulary</li> <li>• Amir's clarified for Stacey what is considered an independent response on the bus vs.</li> </ul>
	<p>what is a prompted response (for further clarification, see email from 2/25; also placed in consult binder)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mirror has not been installed on the bus yet--Matt will check on this.</li> <li>• Amir's shared how to take data for social skills and manding to peers (for now, only do the top 3 boxes)</li> <li>• Stacey should be with Sarah during time in Learning Support classroom and also in speech. This time can be used to become familiar with language used, collect data, or update Sarah's binder with the previous day's data.</li> <li>◦ Copy of meeting notes were placed in consult binder</li> <li>◦ Next meeting is March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 8AM</li> <li>◦ 3/12/15: Kerri was with Stacey as Tabitha worked with Sarah in order to provide guidance</li> <li>◦ Feedback/Notes for Stacey &amp; Staff (as modeled by the wonderful Tab ☺)</li> <li>• Morning Work               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure to count all behaviors (grating names on board, grabbing items, etc.)</li> <li>• Saying "show me this" and putting finger to mouth does not tell Sarah that she needs to be quiet. Tell her what she IS suppose to do.</li> <li>• Morning work was single addition problems--GREAT!</li> <li>• Problem behavior (w/ Stacey):                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Vocalizations: 7</li> <li>◦ Drop to floor: 1</li> <li>◦ Grating names on board: 1</li> <li>◦ Drawing on math paper: 2</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Team Based Approach– Quality On-Going Support for Optimal Results

- Observe and provide feedback for ALL staff.
  - Can include: transcription, Treatment Fidelity Checklists as part of behavior plans for each student
  - Examples:

Treatment Fidelity Checklist-Sarah		
Escape (when presented with task or instruction of any type): To prevent problem behavior, did instructor:		
1. Begin session with delivery of reinforcement to reduce the desire for escape/avoidance behaviors?	Yes	No N/A
2. Check for motivation in order to ensure the use of reinforcers that are valuable at the moment?	Yes	No N/A
3. Review rules/expectations to earn tokens?	Yes	No N/A
4. Position Sarah near point of instruction?	Yes	No N/A
5. Fade in demands gradually?	Yes	No N/A
6. Keep Sarah actively engaged and responding?	Yes	No N/A
7. Use clear, concise, and precise instructions that are framed in telling what Sarah is to do?	Yes	No N/A
8. Mix and vary instructional demands?	Yes	No N/A
9. Intersperse easy and hard demands at a ratio of 80:20?	Yes	No N/A
10. Use errorless and error correction procedures?	Yes	No N/A
11. Use fast paced instruction?	Yes	No N/A
12. Intersperse trials of ready hands?	Yes	No N/A
13. Use signals to increase likelihood of responses?	Yes	No N/A
14. Use a promise reinforcer when presenting a difficult task/demand?	Yes	No N/A
15. If Sarah complied within 2-4 seconds did you immediately deliver the promise reinforcer? (provide better reinforcement for the trials with immediate compliance)	Yes	No N/A
Escape: To teach replacement, did you:		
16. Reinforce Sarah at a variable rate schedule of 6?	Yes	No N/A
17. Provide immediate reinforcement for target responses?	Yes	No N/A
Escape: To avoid reinforcing problem behavior, did you:		
18. Remove/block access to all reinforcement?	Yes	No N/A
19. Not give direct eye contact, attention or have dialogue with Sarah?	Yes	No N/A
20. Continue to present the demand in a neutral tone about every 3 seconds with a firm but neutral voice until she responds in a cooperative manner and follow with at least 2 additional easy demands?	Yes	No N/A
21. Have assistant follow through if teacher made three attempts and Sarah did not comply?	Yes	No N/A
22. Wait to reinstate reinforcement until cooperation was established?	Yes	No N/A
Attention (to obtain, when interrupted during a preferred activity, when waiting for a desired item/activity)...To prevent problem behavior, did you:		
23. Deliver a high density of attention and other reinforcers throughout the day for appropriate behaviors.	Yes	No N/A
24. Provide many manding opportunities throughout the day?	Yes	No N/A
25. When denying a reinforcer requested, offer an alternative in its place. When Sarah mands for an activity/item she cannot have bring up a reinforcer or offer another activity while saying "but you can have/do this instead?"	Yes	No N/A
26. If you noticed Sarah is motivated for an item or your attention but does not "mand appropriately" within 2 seconds, immediately prompt her with the correct mand and deliver the reinforcer or deliver the reinforcer without requiring the mand as long as no problem behavior is occurring?	Yes	No N/A
27. Use a promise reinforcer when interrupting Sarah during a preferred activity?	Yes	No N/A
28. If Sarah complied within 2-4 seconds did you immediately deliver the promise reinforcer?	Yes	No N/A
Attention: To teach replacement, did you:		
29. When possible, immediately reinforce Sarah for any appropriate mands?	Yes	No N/A
30. Differentially reinforce Sarah for manding appropriately, giving up reinforcers (accept reinforcers being interrupted) and accepting when a reinforcer is denied?	Yes	No N/A
Attention: To avoid reinforcing problem behavior:		
31. Make sure she did not access reinforcement, including attention (eye contact, dialogue, etc.), when problem behavior was exhibited?	Yes	No N/A
32. Run the count and mand procedure? (Hold up your hand as a signal that reinforcement (attention) is not available, wait for behavior to stop and then start a silent (count) of an average 5 seconds before prompting the appropriate mand (or deliver item for free while saying name of item if not a mastered mand)?	Yes	No N/A
33. If problem behavior started again while counting, stop the count and restart when behavior stops again.	Yes	No N/A
34. If the count was continually restarted and problem behavior did not stop, did you redirect Sarah to engage in another activity that is neutral?	Yes	No N/A
35. If a promise or alternative was being used, did you remove it immediately following problem behavior?	Yes	No N/A
Total Yes _____/35x100=		%

Notes:

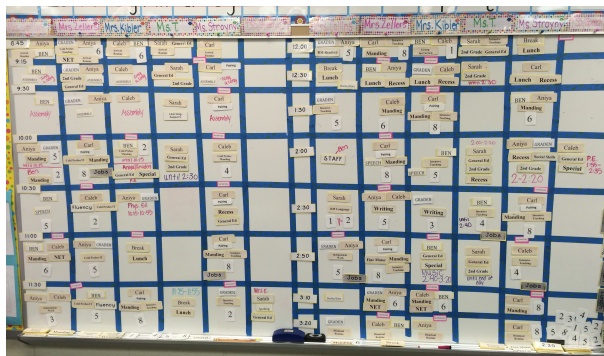
Treatment Fidelity Checklist-Carl		
Escape (when presented with task or instruction of any type): To prevent problem behavior, did you:		
1. Begin session with delivery of reinforcement to reduce the desire for escape/avoidance behaviors?	Yes	No N/A
2. Check for motivation in order to ensure the use of reinforcers that are valuable at the moment?	Yes	No N/A
3. Fade in demands gradually?	Yes	No N/A
4. Keep Carl actively engaged and responding?	Yes	No N/A
5. Provide opportunities to "get up" after every few runs throughs?	Yes	No N/A
6. Use clear, concise, and precise instructions that are limited to telling what Carl is to do (avoid telling him what "not to do")?	Yes	No N/A
7. Mix and vary instructional demands?	Yes	No N/A
8. Interperse easy and hard demands at a ratio of 80:20?	Yes	No N/A
9. Use errorless and error correction procedures?	Yes	No N/A
10. Use fast paced instruction?	Yes	No N/A
11. Interperse trials of ready hands?	Yes	No N/A
12. Schedule bulk of intensive teaching in the morning?	Yes	No N/A
Escape: To teach replacement, did you:		
13. Reinforce Carl at a variable ratio schedule of 3?	Yes	No N/A
14. Provide immediate reinforcement for target responses?	Yes	No N/A
Escape: To avoid reinforcing problem behavior, did you:		
15. Remove/block access to all reinforcement?	Yes	No N/A
16. Block him from having direct and aggressive physical contact?	Yes	No N/A
17. Not give direct eye contact or have dialogue with Carl?	Yes	No N/A
18. Continue to present the demand in a neutral tone about every 3 seconds with a firm but neutral voice until he responds in a cooperative manner and follow with at least 2 additional easy demands that he has a high probability of doing?	Yes	No N/A
19. Wait to reinstate reinforcement until cooperation was established?	Yes	No N/A
Attention (to obtain, when interrupted during a preferred activity, when waiting for a desired item/activity)... To prevent problem behavior, did you:		
20. Deliver a high density of attention and other reinforcers throughout the day for appropriate behaviors.	Yes	No N/A
21. Provide many manding opportunities throughout the day. Schedule a minimum of 3-4 mand sessions a day?	Yes	No N/A
22. Condition new items activities as reinforcers. Have a wide variety of reinforcers available to include: Social attention, edibles, activities and toys?	Yes	No N/A
23. When denying a reinforcer requested, offer an alternative in its place. When Carl mands for an activity/item he cannot have bring up a reinforcer or offer another activity while saying "but you can have/do this instead"	Yes	No N/A
24. Did you avoid the use of words previously associated with problem behavior "no", "not now", etc?	Yes	No N/A
25. If you noticed Carl is motivated for an item or your attention but does not "mand appropriately" within 2 seconds, immediately prompt him with the correct mand and deliver the reinforcer or deliver the reinforcer without requiring the mand as long as no problem behavior is occurring?	Yes	No N/A
26. Use a promise reinforcer when interrupting Carl during a preferred activity and when asking him to transition to a less or non-preferred activity?	Yes	No N/A
27. If Carl complied within 2-4 seconds did you immediately deliver the promise reinforcer? (provide better reinforcement for the trials with immediate compliance)	Yes	No N/A
Attention: To teach replacement, did you:		
28. When possible, immediately reinforce Carl for any appropriate mands?	Yes	No N/A
29. Run at least 3 mand sessions throughout the day?	Yes	No N/A
30. Differentially reinforce Carl for manding appropriately, giving up reinforcers (except reinforcers being interrupted) and accepting when a reinforcer is denied?	Yes	No N/A
Attention: To avoid reinforcing problem behavior:		
31. Make sure he did not access reinforcement, including attention (eye contact, dialogue, stop interaction with someone else), when problem behavior was exhibited?	Yes	No N/A
32. Run the count and mand procedure? (Hold up your hand as a signal that reinforcement (attention) is not available, wait for behavior to stop then start a silent (count) of an average 5 seconds before prompting the appropriate mand (or deliver item for free while saying name of item if not a mastered mand)?	Yes	No N/A
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34. If the count was continually restarted and problem behavior did not stop, did you redirect Carl to engage in another activity that is required?	Yes	No N/A
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Total Yes _____/35x100=		_____ %
Notes:		

■ For hallway:

- Tell Sarah what she is suppose to do- "eyes open, hands down." "show me walking in the hallway with eyes open and hands down". And reinforce frequently with tokens AND verbal praise
- Anticipate she will go for mailboxes. If we know she is motivated to check the mailbox, remind her before leaving Nicole's room. "Remember, if you want to check the mailbox you need to walk with your eyes open and your hands down."
- Problem Behavior:
  - Covering eyes: 3
  - Elope to mailbox: 1
- For word work (1-on-1 with Tammi):
  - Great use of signals to read words! Make sure to use the signal consistently for each word
  - Great job reinforcing!
  - Problem Behavior:
    - Vocalizations: 1
- For Math (1-on-1 with Tammi)
  - Great job checking for motivation
  - Differentially reinforce for solving steps independently without prompts
  - Nice job making it fun and reminding her of how many more tokens she needs!!
  - If Sarah doesn't count right away when told to count the ones, can prompt with "Count with me"
  - Problem Behavior:
    - Vocalizations: 4
    - Grab: 2

## Team Based Approach– Quality On-Going Support for Optimal Results

- Review feedback at team meetings
- Provide time daily for support staff to talk and discuss topics such as:
  - Plan for the day/schedule
  - Troubleshooting issues to ensure all are on the same page



# Questions?

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## Team Based Approach– Quality On-Going Support for Optimal Results

- Make-Up trainings
- Peer-awareness training
  - Example:

**Let's Learn About Autism**

**What We Will Talk About Today**

- Autism: What is it?
- Why are some kids with autism in a special classroom?
- What you can do to help...

**Autism: What is it?**

- How many of you have heard of autism?
- How many of you have a family member or friend with autism?

**Autism: What is it?**

- Neurological (Brain) Disorder
- Shows up in the first 3 years of life
- Affects the way a person talks or understands
- Affects how a person interacts with others and plays
- NOT contagious
- Spectrum Disorder...different levels of severity

**Everyone is different**

- People can be the same in one area but different in another
- Just like people with autism:
  - Some are verbal, some are nonverbal
  - Some are social, some do not like to be social
  - Sensory issues are different

**Behaviors:**

- Insistence on sameness
- May have a difficult time when there is a change in their routine or schedule

**Behaviors: Echolalia**

- Repeat phrases they have heard before
- Might repeat commercials or script from movies

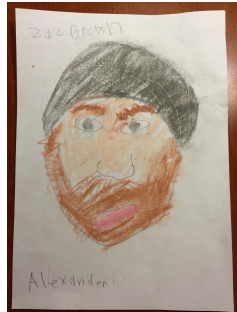
**Behaviors: Extreme Fears of Common Things**

- Toilet flushing, hair dryer, dogs barking, vacuum
- Sometimes get nervous and may do things like put fingers in ears or cover their eyes

## Structure to Support Belonging

- Structure inclusion so that the student is part of the school community and class.
  - Special education teachers and Para-educators provide assistance to all students in the classroom to help ensure students are not singled out or embarrassed by additional support.
  - All students and staff should be informed about differing abilities in a sensitive, realistic and positive manner to allow all staff working in the classroom to have appropriate expectations of students.
  - Using whatever skills they have students should speak for themselves and be spoken to.
  - Students should be included in all aspects of school life. (assemblies, lunch, recess, hallway transitions, etc. )
  - Example: [Tact Action Videos](#)

## Quality Teaming Leads to Optimal Results



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Carl-

Carl is a student diagnosed with Autism, Intellectual Impairment, and Speech and Language Impairment. He is nonverbal and was taught sign language as his primary form of communication. Beginning in August, 2012 and continuing until April, 2014, Carl had significant problem behavior both in frequency and duration. He was full-time in the Autistic Support classroom. At times, Carl had an average of over 2,000 instances of problem behavior per day and durations of over 4.5 hours per day. Through effective instruction and interventions, Carl's behavior decreased and was eventually almost completely extinct by the 2014-2015 school year. By this time, Carl had an average frequency of 1-2 instances of problem behavior per day and average durations of less than one minute per day. Through teaming and collaborating with his 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, Carl was able to gradually increase his time in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade general ed. classroom. By the end of the 2014-2015 school year, Carl would spontaneously mand/sign "friends" and then the activity he would like to do with his peers. Carl, in turn, became reinforcing to his peers. So much so, in fact, that his peers worked together to create [this video](#) highlighting their time together.

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- At this time, we would be glad to try to answer any questions you may have.



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