

Presenter's Answer Guide



Case Study Activity: Determining the Function of Problem Behavior

These charts are provided to the presenter to assist you in guiding the case study activity. They are intended to be used by the presenter only. They provide the triggers, behaviors, maintaining consequences, and setting events associated with each case study child's problem behavior. The use of these charts will be introduced to the participants in module 3b.

Pablo

Triggers	Behaviors	Maintaining Consequences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children in his space (line, small group activities) • Children sharing toys/activities (centers, circle, playground) • *Setting Events: On asthma medication, tired 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hit and/or pinch <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p>Function: Obtains toy/activity</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children leave play area • Children back away • Children give up toy
Preventions	New Skills	Responses

Pablo

Triggers	Behaviors	Maintaining Consequences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult stops playing with him and gets up to leave • *Setting Events: On asthma medication, tired 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hits <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Function: Adult attention</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult sits back down to continue playing
Preventions	New Skills	Responses

Pablo

Triggers	Behaviors	Maintaining Consequences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child tries to take toy or activity (centers, playground) • *Setting Events: On asthma medication, tired 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bites child <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p>Function: Access to toy</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult verbally scolds • Adult physically holds him until calm, then redirects • When released, he gets toy or activity that he wanted.
Preventions	New Skills	Responses

Dana

Triggers	Behaviors	Maintaining Consequences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult task • High demands • Sitting in circle • Undesired activity or materials • Small group • *Setting Event: Tired 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screams, drops to floor, and hits adult <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p>Function: Escapes demands</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redirection • Adults decrease demands • Left alone
Preventions	New Skills	Responses

Dana

Triggers	Behaviors	Maintaining Consequences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition from one activity to another • *Setting Event: Tired 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drops to ground, screams, cries, hits adult <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p>Function: Escapes transitions</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redirection • Allowed more time in current activity • Carried
Preventions	New Skills	Responses

Dana

Triggers	Behaviors	Maintaining Consequences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult or peers join him in play • Adult initiates new activity • Turn-taking • *Setting Event: Tired 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screams and cries <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p>Function: Escapes demands/turn-taking</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Left alone • Allowed to play his own way
Preventions	New Skills	Responses

Sashi

Triggers	Behaviors	Maintaining Consequences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unstructured activities (center) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mouth on toys/objects (sucking/chewing) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p>Function: Adult and peer attention</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children yell out that it is gross and yucky • Children get teacher • Teacher assists, helps her take toy to “dirty bucket” • Redirection and teacher plays with her
Preventions	New Skills	Responses

Sashi

Triggers	Behaviors	Maintaining Consequences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children entering playground • Girl with bows, ribbons, or clips sits or plays nearby 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pulls bows, ribbons, and clips out of others' hair <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p>Function: Initiate social interaction</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children scream • Adult runs to and yells "No!" • Adult helps her play
Preventions	New Skills	Responses

Sashi

Triggers	Behaviors	Maintaining Consequences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult activities • Undesirable activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resists walking, pulls away, and/or drops to the ground <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p>Function: Escapes activities</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults decrease demands • Left alone where she is to play
Preventions	New Skills	Responses

Sashi

Triggers	Behaviors	Maintaining Consequences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transitions from one activity to another • Asked to sit for more than 1-2 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wanders around classroom and sometimes drops to the ground <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p>Function: Delays or escapes transition</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult will eventually redirect back to activity • Left alone
Preventions	New Skills	Responses

Sarah

Triggers	Behaviors	Maintaining Consequences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unstructured activities (centers, play-ground) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plays in isolation in the corner or under table <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> Function: Escapes social interaction </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Left alone to play
Preventions	New Skills	Responses

Sarah

Triggers	Behaviors	Maintaining Consequences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult leaves (arrival/ departure) • Adult is nearby (centers, table activities) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whines and cries <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p>Function: Adult attention</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult goes to her • Consoled by adult • Adult rubs back, rocks, or holds her
Preventions	New Skills	Responses

Sarah

Triggers	Behaviors	Maintaining Consequences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wakes at night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cries <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p>Function: Adult attention</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foster mother goes to her Foster mother lays with her until she falls asleep
Preventions	New Skills	Responses

Quan

Triggers	Behaviors	Maintaining Consequences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group play (playground, centers) • Highly preferred “single item” toys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal and physical aggression and sometimes property destruction <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p>Function: Obtain/keep desired or activity</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children leave area • Children give up toys/ items
Preventions	New Skills	Responses

Quan

Triggers	Behaviors	Maintaining Consequences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child or adult approaches to greet him 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal aggression (“I hate you”/ “I’m gonna kill you.”) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p>Function: Adult attention</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult verbally reprimands Adult helps him find an activity to play with
Preventions	New Skills	Responses

Quan

Triggers	Behaviors	Maintaining Consequences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transition from preferred activity (e.g., toy play to dinner time) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throws toys or rams toys into objects, furniture, or other toys <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p>Function: Delays or escapes transitions</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mother plays with him Mother allows him to continue preferred activity a bit longer
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