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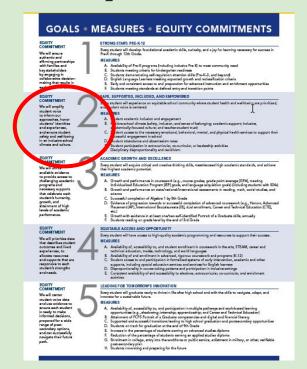
Collaborative & Proactive Solutions Overview Workshop

Behavior Intervention Services



Kids Do Well If They Can





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Inclusive Welcome

Let's Share:

Think of a time where you learned something new as an adult.

- What commitment did you make to ensure your learning was successful?
- Why was learning that skill so memorable?





Session Outcomes

 Participants will understand the process for using the Assessment of Skills and Unsolved Problems (ASUP) to identify an unsolved problem

 Participants will learn the three components of a problem-solving conversation (Plan B)

 Participants will be able to apply the Collaborative and Proactive Solutions (CPS) Process in various scenarios

Options for Handling the Unsolved Problems

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Plan B: Solve the Problem Collaboratively

Plan C: Set the Problem aside for now

Assessment of Skills and **Unsolved Problems** (ASUP)



ASUP 2024

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CHILD'S NAME:

NAMES OF CAREGIVERS COMPLETING THIS INSTRUMENT.

DATE:

STEP 1: SKILLS

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Whether neurotypical or neurodivergent, children communicate that they're having difficulty meeting expectations in diverse ways, including through their concerning behavior. This behavior is best conceived as a frustration or stress response, the nature of which is determined by a variety of factors, most especially certain skills related to flexibility/adaptability, frustration tolerance, problem solving, and emotion regulation. Some kids can demonstrate these skills under some conditions but not under other conditions. This section is aimed at helping caregivers discuss those skills and the degree to which they may be impacting a particular child. Being aware of and considering the skills that may impact a child's capacity to handle life's problems and frustrations and meet various expectations helps caregivers move away from motivational explanations for concerning behavior (e.g. attention-seeking, manipulative, coercive, unmotivated) and toward a more compassionate, accurate understanding of such behavior. Note that these skills are not the primary focal point of intervention in the CPS model; the unsolved problems you'll be identifying in Step 2 will be the "targets" of intervention.

Please check off a skill if it's difficult for the child to access at times and appears to be making it difficult for the child to handle problems and frustrations and/

Maintain focus	[] Consider a range of solutions to problems	[] Regulate emotional response to Problems and frustrations

	another person's perspective or point of view

[] Handle transitions, shift from	[] Shift from original idea, plan, solution	[] Interoception (ability to understand and
	One mindset to another	feel, what's going on inside their hody

[] Persist on challenging or tedious tasks	[] Understand what is being communicated by others	

[1 Sense of time (time that has passed, time needed)	[] Appreciate how their actions affect others

STEP 2: UNSOLVED PROBLEMS

Unsolved problems are the specific expectations a child is having difficulty meeting. The wording of an unsolved problem will translate directly into the words that you'll be using when you introduce the unsolved problem to the child when it comes time to solve the problem together. Poorly worded unsolved problems often cause the problem-solving process to deteriorate before it even gets started. Please reference the ASUP Guide for guidance on writing unsolved problems

Are there specific tasks/expectations the student is having difficulty

completing or getting started on? Are there classmates this student is having difficulty getting along with

Are there tasks and activities this student is having difficulty moving from

Are there classes/activities the student is having difficulty attending/ being on time to?

As you think about the start of the day to the end, are there any other expectations the student has difficulty reliably meeting or that you find yourself frequently reminding the child about?

List unsolved problems here: or on a separate sheet)

Are there chores/tasks/activities the child is having difficulty completing or getting started on?

Are there siblings/other children the child is having difficulty getting along

Are there aspects of hygiene the child is having difficulty completing? Are there activities the child is having difficulty ending or tasks the child is having difficulty moving on to?

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Plan B Conversations Infographic



PLAN B BUILDS SKILLS



Solving problems collaboratively and proactively with a student not only helps solve the problems that are causing challenging behavior but also helps them build the skills they are lacking. This graphic lists some of those skills:



PLAN B STEPS

EMPATHY

- Considering and identifying concerns
- Articulating those concerns in a manner that others can understand
- Inhibiting of strong emotions during discussion

DEFINE ADULT CONCERNS

- Listening
- · Empathizing
- Considering and understanding another person's perspective
- Appreciating how one's behavior is affecting others
- Tolerating frustration when hearing another person's point of view

INVITATION

- · Generating alternative solutions
- Thinking of solutions that not only work for oneself but also for others
- Considering the likely outcomes of potential solutions
- Resolving disagreements without conflict

First Step: Empathy Step

NOT about the solution, we are gathering information through empathy

Goal: achieve a clear understanding of what's making it hard for the student to meet a given expectation

Don't assume you already know what the kid's concern is and treat this step as a formality

"I've noticed that you have been having difficulty **<insert the difficult expectation>.** What's up?"

First Step: Empathy Step





Second Step: Define the Problem Step

Enter the Concerns of the second party (adult) into consideration "My concern is....." (typically related to health, safety, learning or fairness)

Focus on:

- How the problem affects the student
- How the problem is affecting others

STILL not the solution step

Second Step: Define the Problem Step



Third Step: Invitation

Summarize the concerns and have students help lead the conversation for solution

Generate Solutions that are **REALISTIC**

- both parties can do what they are agreeing to
- mutually satisfactory (the solution must address the concerns of both parties)

Third Step: Invitation





Intentional Close

How can you see yourself using this process at home?



