Learning Guide



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Behavioural Skills Training for Staff

Behavioural Skills Training (Staff)		
	VERBAL & WRITTEN INSTRUCTION	
Step 1	Describe the skill you want the staff member to perform, and provide a clear, concise written description of the skill	
	MODELING	
Step 2	Demonstrate, or model, the skill yourself	
	PRACTICE / REHEARSAL	
Step 3	Have the other person practice the skill, either in a role-play situation or in the natural environment	
	PERFORMANCE FEEDBACK	
Step 4	Give specific positive praise for the components done well, and corrective feedback for components that need more practice	
	OBSERVATION IN THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT	
Step 5	(if Step 3 was done in a role-play)	
	Observe the staff member performing the skill with the learner in the natural environment and provide feedback and additional practice if necessary	



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Step 1	VERBAL & WRITTEN INSTRUCTION	
	Task analyze and define the steps of the skill clearly	
	Explain to the other staff member how to perform the skill	
	Explain the rationale for / importance of the skill to the staff member	
	Provide a clear and concise written description of the steps of the skill	
Step 2	MODELING	
	Demonstrate for the other staff member how to perform the skill	
	Be sure that the learner is paying attention to the model	
	The other staff member should observe all steps of the skill being performed	
	accurately and successfully	
Step 3	PRACTICE / REHEARSAL	
	Provide an opportunity for the other staff member to practice the skill in a role play situation or in the natural environment	
	Support the other staff member to practice the skill multiple times, as necessary	
Step 4	PERFORMANCE FEEDBACK	
	Provide specific praise for correct demonstration of the skill or for components of the skill performed correctly	
	Give corrective feedback for components of the skill that need additional practice	
	Provide additional practice opportunities and feedback until the other staff	
	member demonstrates all steps of the skill with confidence	
Step 5	OBSERVATION IN THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT	
	(if Step 3 was done in a role-play)	
	Observe the other staff member performing the skill with the learner in the	
	natural environment	
	Provide feedback and additional practice if necessary	



Behavioural Skills Training (Staff) Checklist			
Did the staff member (instructor):			
Step 1 VERBAL & WRITTEN INSTRUCTION	 □ task analyze and define the steps of the skill clearly? □ describe the skill they want the staff member to perform in a clear and detailed way? □ explain the rationale for / importance of the skill to the staff member? □ provide a clear, concise written description of the skill? 		
Step 2	Did the staff member (instructor):		
MODELING	☐ demonstrate, or model, the skill effectively?		
Step 3 PRACTICE / REHEARSAL	Did the staff member (instructor): ☐ have the other staff member practice the skill? (in role play or natural environment) ☐ support the other staff member to practice the skill multiple times, as necessary?		
	Did the staff member (instructor):		
Step 4 PERFORMANCE FEEDBACK	 □ give specific positive praise for the components done well? □ give corrective feedback for components that need more practice? □ provide additional practice opportunities until the individual could demonstrate the new skill with confidence? 		
Step 5	Did the staff member (instructor):		
OBSERVATION IN THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT (if Step 3 was done in a role-play)	 □ observe the individual performing the skill with the learner in the natural environment? □ provide feedback and additional practice if necessary? 		





The Autism in Education (AIE) Partnership is an inter-provincial collaboration of the Departments of Education & Early Childhood Development / Early Learning & Culture of the four Atlantic Provinces. Created as a new initiative of the Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority (APSEA) in 2010, the AIE Partnership provides support to educational personnel working with students with ASD across the Atlantic region and facilitates the sharing of information and expertise among stakeholders. Priorities of the AIE Partnership include:

- Research to clarify and articulate standards of practice in the area of Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Dissemination of information and current research on issues of concern among the four Atlantic Provinces
- Professional development and learning opportunities for educational staff, partner professionals, and families



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