

## **Community Based Positive Behavior Support**

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**Intended Audience:** families, direct service providers, funding agencies

### **Session Description**

Inclusive Adult Day Activity Supports for Individuals with Extreme Behaviors and Otherwise Unserved.

Adults with severe developmental disabilities (little language, independence, or leisure skill) are provided one on one positive behavior and skill development support in a community based format. Services are provided in all relevant environments, including at participants' homes, in diverse various community environments, outdoors and indoors, and in a "Clubhouse" specifically secured for the purpose of practicing skills that cannot easily be taught in the community (e.g., lunch preparation, solitary leisure skills such as television watching).

All individuals assisted engaged in extreme challenging behaviors such as striking themselves, striking others, striking items in the environment, safety and other concerns, which is eliminated over time. Inclusion is the format beginning with the first day of service. Community participation is not deferred on days when participants are engaging in challenging behaviors.

These services are fully publicly funded using regular state and federal sources. All participants have specially trained one on one personal assistants for periods of six to nine continuous hours every weekday.

Individuals assisted live in their family home and/or in community residences. Data are presented on all aspects: community participation, skill development, behavioral success, funding, problems faced while attempting to provide these services.

Unique aspects of intervention include very high frequency social reinforcement, extinction as a primary intervention for resolving behavioral issues, regardless how extreme and what environment, and an instructional approach that de-emphasizes verbal prompting.