

ADMH-DD OFFICE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BEHAVIORAL SERVICES

Behavioral Service Procedural Guidelines

The Behavioral Service Procedural Guidelines (BSPG) were established to provide behavioral services for persons with intellectual disabilities in the state of Alabama. The guidelines were developed by the Behavior Analysis Task Force a group of professionals representing both community providers and the Developmental Disabilities Division of the Department of Mental Health. The guidelines were developed using the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis as the foundation. Behavioral services based upon these principles have resulted in successful skill acquisition and/or behavior reduction for persons with intellectual disabilities. Because of the evidence-based support for the use of a behavior analytic approach to the provision of behavioral services, the state of Alabama Department of Mental Health determined that services based on these principles would provide the best quality for the persons served.

The purpose of the BSPG is to provide information and guidance for the development and implementation of behavioral services for persons with intellectual disabilities and apply to all providers and recipients of behavioral support services through the Alabama Department of Mental Health, Division of Developmental Disabilities.

Anyone providing positive behavioral supports through ADMH- HCBS waiver services is required to have received the Behavioral Services Procedural Guidelines orientation provided by the Office of Psychological and Behavioral Services. A certificate is received at completion of the orientation, which must be kept on file as part of Certification Standards.

Upcoming 2021 Orientation Training Opportunities (Offered via Zoom)

January 14, 2021 10:00am – 12:00pm

January 21, 2021 10:00am- 12:00pm

January 28, 2021 10:00am- 12:00pm

To Register:

Please email Dr. Eliza Belle at eliza.belle@mh.alabama.gov with the names, email address, and Training date desired for each person who will attend the training. Session attendance is first come first serve. Each BSPG session will offer the same content as it is not a series of three, so you may be scheduled for another date offered if the training date you desire is full.

Additional trainings (optional) will be offered January- March 2021, intended to supplement the BSPG and provide resources for providers of Behavior Supports include:

Week of Jan 18- Communicating with Empathy- Person Centered Approaches

Week of Feb 1- Assessing the Function of Challenging Behavior

Week of Feb 15- ABCs (Antecedent- Behaviors- Consequences)

Week of March 1- Establishing Behavioral Teams and Committees

Week of March 15- Communicating with Empathy

Week of March 29- Assessing the Function of Challenging Behavior and ABCs

Information on specific training dates/times will be updated regularly.