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PARENT PHONE CONTACT

Child's Name: ____________________________ Date: ____________

Parent's Name: ____________________________ Age: ____________

Teacher's Name: ____________________________ Grade: ____________

School: ___________________________________________ Time Start: ____________

Consultant's Name: ____________________________ Time End: ____________

Consultant Note: The goals of the Phone Contact are to:

Behavioral goals:

- Identify strengths of the child, family, and school.
- Identify child's priorities in behavioral terms.
- Discuss existing procedures.

Relationship building goals:

- Validate and summarize parents' concerns.
- Express appreciation for parents' commitment and investment in the process.
- Increase communication and knowledge regarding the child, goals, concerns, and culture of family and school.

Consultant and Case Goals for Interview:

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Strengths

Discuss things that are going well; discuss likes and dislikes; establish importance of building upon strengths of all when addressing priorities.

Select Needs

Discuss the priority behaviors and settings. Discuss what is getting in the way of the goals and desires. Ask for questions and any additional behavioral concerns.

What works/What doesn’t?

Discuss what has already been tried; point out strengths from what has already worked to be used later in coming up with a plan; emphasize strengths of parents.
Closing and Confirmation

Summarize, emphasizing parents' expertise, strengths, and how this information will help the child to be successful; let parents know they are free to contact you with questions and concerns.

Confirm Date & Time of Meeting 1: Building on Strengths
TEACHER ORIENTATION

Child’s Name: ________________  Child’s Name: ________________  Child’s Name: ________________
Caregiver’s Name: ________________  Caregiver’s Name: ________________  Caregiver’s Name: ________________
Teacher’s Name: ________________  Grade: __________  School: ______________________
Date: __________  Consultant’s Name: ________________  Start Time: _________  End Time: __________

Consultant Note: The goals of the Teacher Orientation are to:

Behavioral goals:

- Introduce the CBC process.
- Review and discuss confidentiality.
- Schedule additional contact if needed and Meeting 1: Building on Strengths.
- Identify strengths of the child, family, and school.
- Discuss existing procedures.

Relationship building goals:

- Emphasize team building and communication across home and school.
- Reinforce joint efforts in addressing needs.
- Discuss teacher’s perceptions of the process.
- Reinforce teacher’s strengths and competencies for addressing future needs for the child.
- Validate and summarize teacher’s concerns.
- Express appreciation for teacher’s commitment and investment in the process.
- Increase communication and knowledge regarding the child, concerns, and culture of family and school.

Consultant and Case Goals for Orientation:

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Introduction

*Introduce yourself as the consultant. Establish a friendly dialogue and demonstrate interest for the teacher (e.g., ask about past events).*

Introduction to CBC

*Review meeting content. Describe the roles of everyone involved and what the future meetings will look like. Encourage questions.*

Strengths

*Discuss things that are going well; discuss likes and dislikes; establish importance of building upon strengths of all when addressing priorities.*

Child 1:________________________ | Child 2:________________________ | Child 3:________________________

Select Needs

*Discuss what is getting in the way of the goals and desires. Explore General Concerns.*

Child 1:______________ | Child 2:______________ | Child 3:______________

What works/What doesn’t? (If short on time, omit)

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Discuss what has already been tried; point out strengths from what has already worked to be used later in coming up with a plan; emphasize strengths of teachers.

Child 1: ____________________  Child 2: ____________________  Child 3: ____________________

Closing and Confirmation

Summarize, emphasizing teachers' expertise, strengths, and how this information will help the child to be successful; let the teachers know they are free to contact you with questions and concerns. Please remember to bring back the behavior rating scale to Meeting 1: Building on Strengths.

Schedule Phone Contact (If necessary for getting information that wasn’t gathered)

Teacher Date(s): ____________________ Time(s): ____________________

Meet Again - Meeting 1: Building on Strengths

Discuss steps of the next meeting; ask for availability.

Teacher  1) Date(s): ____________________ Time(s): ____________________

2) Date(s): ____________________ Time(s): ____________________

3) Date(s): ____________________ Time(s): ____________________

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PARENT ORIENTATION

Child’s Name: ___________________ Child’s Name: ___________________ Child’s Name: ___________________

Caregiver’s Name: ______________ Caregiver’s Name: ______________ Caregiver’s Name: ______________

Teacher’s Name: _______________ Grade: ___________ School: ______________________________________________________________________

Date: __________ Consultant’s Name: __________________ Start Time: _________ End Time: __________

Consultant Note: The goals of the Parent Orientation are to:

Behavioral goals:

- Introduce the CBC.
- Provide refreshments.
- Schedule Phone Contact and Meeting 1: Building on Strengths.

Relationship building goals:

- Emphasize team building and communication across home and school.
- Build relationships and emphasize shared experiences among parent peers.
- Reinforce joint efforts in addressing needs.
- Discuss caregivers’ perceptions of the process.
- Reinforce caregivers’ strengths and competencies for addressing future needs for the child.
- Communicate appreciation for invested time and effort.

Consultant and Case Goals for Orientation:

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Introduction

Introduce yourself as the consultant and facilitate parent peer introductions and conversation. Emphasize the attitude that everyone's input is vital; use inclusive language.

Parent 1: ____________________  
Child 1: ____________________  
Parent 2: ____________________  
Child 2: ____________________  
Parent 3: ____________________  
Child 3: ____________________

Introduction to CBC

Review meeting content and format. Describe the roles of everyone involved and what the future meetings will look like. Encourage questions.

Schedule Phone Contact

Schedule phone contacts. Explain this will be an opportunity to begin talking about each child's strengths and needs. Explain that the Behavior Rating Scale will be discussed. Find out what times work best for the parents.

Parent 1
Date(s): ____________________  
Time(s): ____________________

Parent 2
Date(s): ____________________  
Time(s): ____________________

Parent 3
Date(s): ____________________  
Time(s): ____________________
Meet Again - Meeting 1: Building on Strengths

Discuss steps of the next meeting; establish time and place to meet.

Parent 1
Date(s): ________________ Time(s): __________________

Parent 2
Date(s): ________________ Time(s): __________________

Parent 3
Date(s): ________________ Time(s): __________________

Closing

Share contact information. Summarize what was accomplished at the orientation, emphasizing parents’ expertise, strengths, and how this information will help the child to be successful; let parents know they are free to contact you with questions and concerns.

Contact Information
Parent(s) 1

Parent(s) 2

Parent(s) 3

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MEETING 1: BUILDING ON STRENGTHS

Child's Name: ___________________________ Date: _____________

Parent's Name: ___________________________ Age: ____________

Teacher's Name: ___________________________ Grade: __________

School: ___________________________ Time Start: __________

Consultant's Name: ___________________________ Time End: __________

Consultant Note: The goals of the MEETING 1: BUILDING ON STRENGTHS are to:

Behavioral goals:

○ Jointly identify and define child's priorities in behavioral terms.
○ Jointly establish a procedure to collect data across settings.
○ Collaboratively develop developmentally appropriate goals for priority behavior across home and school.
○ Discuss what is happening before and after the priority behavior, as well as specific patterns that occur, during the focused time/setting.

Relationship building goals:

○ Establish joint responsibility in goal setting and decision making.
○ Establish/improve working relationships between parents and teacher, and between the consultant and consultees.
○ Identify strengths of the child, family, and school.
○ Increase communication and knowledge regarding the child, goals, concerns, and culture of family and school.
○ Use inclusive language to strengthen partnerships between home and school.
○ Encourage and validate sharing of parents' and teachers' perspectives of the priority behavior.
○ Foster an environment that facilitates “give-and-take” communication across settings.
○ Promote collaborative decision-making and shared responsibility for plan development.

Consultant and Case Goals for Interview:
Open Up Dialogue

Establish a friendly supportive atmosphere (e.g., position of the chairs, nonverbal communication); demonstrate interest for the consultees (e.g., ask about past events). Establish the attitude that everyone’s information is vital; acknowledge that some work as already been done. TAKE OUT GOAL SHEET! Use inclusive language; emphasize the expertise of everyone involved; discuss the importance and roles of each participant (i.e., provide information, collect/set-up assessment and observations); discuss steps of the meeting.

Strengths:

Refer to GOAL SHEET and review strengths.

Needs:

Refer to GOAL SHEET and review needs.

Select and Define the Priority Need

Discuss importance of selecting one priority; select a priority based on goals and desires; define the priority in concrete, observable terms.
Select a Focus/Setting

Discuss importance of focus; answer where and when the priority behavior occurs in specific terms; select a focus or a place to start. Establish one setting priority at home and one at school.

Home | School

Summarize target behavior definition and setting

Set Goals

Restate the definition of the priority; discuss information collected; set jointly determined, developmentally appropriate goals.

* Note that the goal should be directly related to the target behavior. It should be set a level that is easily achievable.

Home | School
What's Happening

Discuss what is happening before and after the priority behavior, as well as specific patterns that occur, during the focused time/setting; emphasize this information will help to understand why this behavior is happening and how changes can be made.

Before

| Home | School |

After

| Home | School |

Other Patterns

| Home | School |
Why is it Happening?

Summarize information, as well as what's happening during the focused time/setting (organize and summarize relevant information such as attention that is given, key people that affect the occurrence of the priority behavior, skills needed to perform the desired behavior); discuss reasons why the priority behavior is happening.

Home  |  School

What to Do?

Select a focus for change based on why the priority behavior is happening; restate child, teacher and family strengths. REFER TO TOOLKIT for functional interventions. Jointly develop a plan across home and school, building on these strengths; provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to ask questions. GIVE CONSULTEES BRIEF PLAN HANDOUTS! Refer back to "What's Happening?" section if needed. Tell the consultees that they should NOT start the intervention until the next meeting. Provide rationale.

Home  |  School
Collect Information

Discuss the rationale for collecting information; discuss how they will monitor progress. Remind them to bring the PERFORMANCE SCALE to meeting 2.

Next Appointment: Meeting 2: Planning for Success

Discuss steps of the next meeting. Ask for availability.

Teacher Date(s): ___________________________ Time(s): ___________________________

Parent Date(s): ___________________________ Time(s): ___________________________

Closing

Summarize what was accomplished at the meeting, emphasizing consultees’ expertise, strengths, and how this information will help the child to be successful; let consultees know they are free to contact you with questions and concerns. Remind them to think about the plan and how to incorporate it in their home/classroom. Remind them not to start the plan until after the next meeting.
MEETING 2: PLANNING FOR SUCCESS

Child’s Name: ________________  Child’s Name: ________________  Child’s Name: ________________

Caregiver’s Name: ________________  Caregiver’s Name: ________________  Caregiver’s Name: ________________

Teacher’s Name: ________________  Grade: __________  School: ________________________________

Date: __________  Consultant’s Name: ________________  Start Time: __________  End Time: __________

Consultant Note: The goals of the MEETING 2: PLANNING FOR SUCCESS are to:

Behavioral goals:

   o Review and revise developmentally appropriate goals for priority behavior across home and school.

   o Review Goal sheet: what is happening before and after the priority behavior, as well as specific patterns that occur, during the focused time/setting.

   o Collaboratively develop a plan built upon strengths and competencies to address the priority behavior across home and school.

   o Discuss ways to make the plan fit household/classroom procedures.

   o Reaffirm information collection procedures.

Relationship building goals:

   o Use inclusive language to strengthen partnerships between home and school

   o Encourage and validate sharing of parents’ and teachers’ perspectives of the priority behavior

   o Foster an environment that facilitates “give-and-take” communication across settings.

   o Promote collaborative decision-making and shared responsibility for plan development.

   o Improve working relationships between parents and teacher, and between the consultant and consultees.

Consultant and Case Goals for Interview:

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Open Up Dialogue

Establish a friendly supportive atmosphere (e.g., position of the chairs, nonverbal communication). Explain that we will learn more about the strategies chosen in Meeting 1(TAKE OUT GOAL SHEET!) and how to implement them. HAND OUT AGENDA.

Discuss Information Collected/Adjust Goals

Restate the definition of the priority; discuss information collected; set jointly determined, developmentally appropriate goals based on information collected. Collect PERFORMANCE SCALE and write down the baseline data results and the adjusted goals. Summarize all 3 behaviors and scale, starting with teacher. Emphasize similarities, then set appropriate goals.

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Why is it Happening?

Review reasons why the priority behavior is happening (summarize conditions and function).

What to Do?

Review jointly selected plan for home and school, building based on strengths. REFER TO BRIEF PLAN HANDOUTS!
How to Do It

HAND OUT PLAN SUMMARY FORM. Explain each strategy and how to implement it in the home or classroom. Provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to ask questions and give input; model plan procedures if necessary. Emphasize the importance of implementing and consistently using the strategies we discussed. HAND OUT PERFORMANCE SCALE—explain the rationale for collecting information during the plan implementation stage. Remind them to bring PERFORMANCE SCALE to Meeting 3.

When to Start It

Determine when the plan will start at home and school.

Summarize and validate plan. Have everyone recap what they will be doing for the plan, starting with the teacher.

Next Appointment: Meeting 3: Checking and Reconnecting

Discuss steps of the next meeting. Emphasize the need to evaluate progress and determine if goals were met. Select a time that works for everyone. Schedule Meeting 3 within 2 weeks out.

- Schedule Meeting 2 follow up at Home with each parent

Date(s): ___________________________ Time(s): ___________________________

Closing

Summarize what was accomplished at the meeting, emphasizing consultees’ expertise, strengths, and how plan implementation will help the child to be successful; let consultees know they are free to contact you with questions and concerns. Let them know you will be contacting them the see how the plan is going.
MEETING 2 Follow Up: PLANNING FOR SUCCESS AT HOME

Child’s Name: ________________________________ Date: ___________
Parent’s Name: ______________________________ Age: ___________
Teacher’s Name: ______________________________ Grade: ___________
School: ______________________________ Time Start: ________
Consultant’s Name: __________________________ Time End: ________

Consultant Note: The goals of the MEETING 2 Follow Up: Planning for Success at Home include:

Behavioral goals:

- Review Goal sheet: what is happening before and after the priority behavior, as well as specific patterns that occur, during the focused time/setting.
- Collaboratively work out the details of the intervention introduced in the group Meeting 2
- Discuss ways to make the plan fit household procedures.
- Observe & give feedback.
- Model & rehearse plan components.
- Reaffirm information collection procedures.

Relationship building goals:

- Validate and summarize parents’ concerns.
- Express appreciation for parents’ commitment and investment in the process.
- Express importance of parents’ role in the success of the intervention plan.
- Increase communication and knowledge regarding the intervention plan.

Consultant and Case Goals for Interview:

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Open Up Dialogue

Establish a friendly supportive atmosphere (e.g., position of the chairs, nonverbal communication). Explain that we will learn more about the strategies introduced in Meeting 2 (PLAN SUMMARY BOOKLET & PLAN SUMMARY SHEET!) and how to implement them.

How to Do It

HAND OUT PLAN SUMMARY FORM. Explain each strategy and how to implement it in the home. Provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions and give input; If the plan is already in place, ask to observe the parent implementing the plan and give feedback when possible; Model and rehearse key plan components for the parent and make sure that they understand. Emphasize the importance of implementing and consistently using the strategies we discussed. Problem-solve potential challenges. Involve the child whenever possible. HAND OUT PERFORMANCE SCALE-explain the rationale for collecting information during the plan implementation stage. Remind them to bring PERFORMANCE SCALE and PERMANENT PRODUCTS to Meeting 3.

When to check in

Let the parents know you will be checking in to see how the plan is going, to problem-solve as needed and to encourage their consistent use of the plan.

Summarize and validate plan. Have the parents recap what they will be doing for the plan.

Next Appointment: Meeting 3: Checking & Reconnecting

Follow up on availability.

Teacher Date(s): ________________ Time(s): __________________

Parent Date(s): ________________ Time(s): __________________

Closing

Summarize what was accomplished at the meeting, emphasizing parents' expertise, strengths, and how this plan will help the child to be successful; let parents know they are free to contact you with questions and concerns. Remind them to use the plan consistently, and to record what they did.
MEETING 3: CHECKING AND RECONNECTING

Child’s Name: ________________  Child’s Name: ________________  Child’s Name: ________________

Caregiver’s Name: ___________  Caregiver’s Name: ___________  Caregiver’s Name: ___________

Teacher’s Name: _______________  Grade: ___________  School: ______________________________________

Date: ___________  Consultant’s Name: ___________________  Start Time: ___________  End Time: ___________

Consultant Note: The goals of the MEETING 3: CHECKING AND RECONNECTING are to:

Behavioral goals:

- Determine if the goals for the priority behavior have been met.
- Evaluate what worked and what didn’t.
- Discuss continuation or termination of plan.
- Schedule additional meetings if necessary, or terminate consultation.

Relationship building goals:

- Continue to promote open communication and collaborative decision-making across the home and school settings
- Reinforce joint efforts in addressing needs
- Discuss caregivers’ and teachers’ perceptions of the plan and process
- Reinforce caregivers’ and teachers’ strengths and competencies for addressing future needs for the child
- Establish means for caregivers and teachers to continue to partner in the future
- Foster communication between parent peers.

Consultant and Case Goals for Interview:

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________________________________________________________________________________________
Open Up Dialogue

*Establish a friendly supportive atmosphere (e.g., position of the chairs, nonverbal communication); demonstrate interest for the consultees (e.g., ask about past events)*

How did it Work/What Happened?

*Restate the plans and the goals; discuss how the plan worked and if the goals were met; decide where to go from here (e.g., modify plan, set a new goal, use plan in another setting, end consultation). Discuss PERFORMANCE SCALE results and graph. Make future decisions based on the data collected.*

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Change Plan

*Discuss what worked and what didn’t, emphasizing strengths of the plan; it may be necessary to re-evaluate what is happening before and after, as well as specific patterns, and why the priority behavior is occurring; refer to previous interview forms; Discuss what caregivers and teachers thought about why the behavior changed.*

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Continue the Plan

Discuss how to continue positive changes over time; discuss continuing the plan (e.g., other times and settings) OR changing the goal. Add in prosocial components to the plan; Discuss how you might use similar ideas to address future needs, emphasizing specific plans to address priorities, as well as the collaborative decision-making process.

Child 1

Home

School

Child 2

Child 3

Discuss Need for Future Meeting

Summarize the plan and the partnership building process, emphasizing collaborative decision making, strengths, expertise, and home school communication; Discuss if a formal meeting is necessary; discuss informal methods (e.g., e-mail, phone calls, home school notes), emphasizing the value of continued communication; discuss plan for follow-up and provide caregivers and teachers with extra plan worksheets and data collection forms. Discuss fading and generalization procedures.

Child 1

Home

School

Child 2

Child 3

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END CONSULTATION

Discuss ways to keep in touch with the consultant and with each other

Schedule Next Appointment if Needed

Discuss steps of the next meeting. Emphasize the need to evaluate progress. Select a time that works for each involved.

Child 1 Date(s): ___________________________  Time(s): ___________________________
Child 2 Date(s): ___________________________  Time(s): ___________________________
Child 3 Date(s): ___________________________  Time(s): ___________________________

Closing
Summarize what was accomplished at the meeting, emphasizing consultees hard work, and how plan implementation helped their children to be successful; let consultees know they are free to contact you with questions and concerns. Discuss what is involved in the process beyond this meeting (i.e., observing, integrity, packets, next year).
ORIENTATION

Introductions

What is conjoint behavioral consultation?

What is my role?
What happens next?

____________ (consultant) will call me:

Date:

Time:
MEETING 1
BUILDING ON STRENGTHS

What does ________ do well, what does he/she like?
(Include those discussed from phone contact, what else should we add to the list?)

What is getting in the way of him/her doing well?
(Include concerns from telephone contact)

What behavior do we want to focus on?
(List behaviors identified during the telephone contact)
Let's define exactly what we mean by ________.

What time and place do we want to focus on first?

What are our goals for ________?
What is happening before, during, and after the behavior?

Why is the behavior happening?

What can we do to help _______ be more successful?
(Review brief handouts and select strategy for change)

How will we gather information?
(Hand out performance rating scales)
MEETING 2
PLANNING FOR SUCCESS

Review Goal Sheet

Review information collected

Discuss selected plan (Provide plan summary sheets)

Let's talk about how those will look in your home/classroom and the tools we will need.
How do we carry out the plan?

Discuss ways to continue collecting information (Hand out performance rating scales)

Decide when the group can come together for Meeting 3.
MEETING 3
CHECKING AND RECONNECTING

Did ________ meet his/her goals?

Goal:

Review Goal Sheet

What worked and what didn't work with the plan?
What should we do next?

A) Change plan

B) Continue plan

C) Pick new focus

Identify ways to keep in touch
# ESCAPE

## 1. Adjust Demand Difficulty

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<th>WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?</th>
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<td>Change the difficulty level of the direction/demand or the task</td>
<td><strong>Strategy – Provide Easier Work</strong></td>
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<td>• Decrease the level of the demand. For example, at home parents can decrease the demands for chores or at school teachers can give easier classwork.</td>
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## 2. Offer Choices

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<td>Allow students to have a variety of choices when giving them a task</td>
<td><strong>Strategy – Allow Students to Choose</strong></td>
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## 3. Increase Student Preference/Interest in Activity

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<td>Adjust the activity so the students are more interested in it.</td>
<td><strong>Strategy – Incorporate Student Hobbies/Interests into Activities</strong></td>
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<td>• Teachers can incorporate student preferences into academic activities. For example, if the activity is a book report and a lot of the children are interested in sports, have the topic of the book report be related to sports.</td>
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## 4. Assure the Activities Have Functional or Meaningful Outcome

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<td><strong>Strategy – Provide Activities with a Valued Outcome</strong></td>
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### 5. ALTER TASK LENGTH

**WHAT IS IT?**
Decrease the length of an activity or task

**WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?**

**Strategy – Shorten Activity**
- Teachers may shorten the academic activity. For example, instead of having a 30 minute silent reading time, have a 15 minute silent reading time and then have a different reading activity.

Have more breaks throughout the day and throughout activities.

**Strategy – Provide Frequent Breaks**
- Teachers can provide frequent breaks during the day. For example, after the student completes 10 math problems they get a 2 minute break. Then after they complete another 10 math problems they get another break, etc.

### 6. MODIFY MODE OF TASK COMPLETION

**WHAT IS IT?**
Change the materials or way that the student must do the task.

**WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?**

**Strategy – Change Medium/Materials**
- Teachers may alter the medium for a task. For example, instead of children learning math facts through problems on a worksheet let them use white boards, flashcards, or learn math through a game format.

### 7. USE BEHAVIORAL MOMENTUM/TASK INTERSPERSAL

**WHAT IS IT?**
Once a series of behaviors start to occur, they generally continue their momentum and continue to occur.

**WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?**

**Strategy – Behavioral Momentum**
- Ask the child to do things that he/she already likes to do. Then follow these requests with something that the child is less likely to do. This increases the likelihood that the child will answer yes to the next question.
- Start by selecting a series of behaviors that the child already likes to do.
- Ask the child to do several of the likely behaviors.
- Ask two or three likely behaviors before the unlikely behavior.
- Behavior momentum can be worked into your schedule at home at crucial times (e.g. homework time) or in school.

#### Fun way to use behavior momentum:
**The “Mystery Chore” game.**
- Label a container with a lid “mystery chore”
- At the beginning of each week, place money in the jar
- Write the mystery chore on a paper and seal it in a mystery motivator envelope. Tape the envelope near the jar.
- Tell the kids you will open the envelope at the end of the week.
- If the child did the mystery chore then they receive the money in the jar.

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Try using rhymes. For example: Use the hokey pokey and at the end of the game say... “Take out the garbage”.

Try the “What I like to Do” game:
- Have the child make up a list of things he/she likes to do and write it on pieces of paper.
- Put these papers in a jar
- Then the child draws out two papers and does the things listed
- Then you pick the third thing for the child to do ... “feed the dog.”

8. Increase Predictability

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**Strategy – Develop a Schedule**
Create a schedule for the family or classroom.
- Determine the times for set activities (e.g. lunch)
- Determine organizational activities. These account for additional noninstructional time
- Determine the specific instructional tasks or activities which must take place during the day to meet requirements and estimate the time it will take to do these tasks.
- On paper, organize all activities identified in steps 1-3 into a time frame.
  *ONLY 70% of the school day should be scheduled for instructional time (5.2 hours)  
*These can be adapted for home activities.

**Strategy – Bedtime Checklist**
Make a list of activities that must be done at bedtime.
- Think of a bedtime routine that you want to establish
- Think of all the things that your child needs to do and the things you would like to include
- Write these down in order from 1 to...
- On the checklist you want to include anything your child might use as an excuse to delay going to bed or getting up again.
- Post the checklist in plain sight in the bedroom.

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Consequences can be connected to the number of tasks completed
*Checklists can be used at school for any difficult time in the day.

**Strategy – Homework Planning**
A plan for determining what homework time looks like.
- **Where?** Select the right spot for homework time (quiet, free from distractions)
- **What?** Put together a homework survival kit (e.g. include supplies that the child might need).
- **When?** Set up a daily homework time. Anticipate conflicts in the schedule and let your child know that play comes after homework. Try to do far before bedtime.
- **Reward?** Set up a motivation system and reward accurate homework completion. See motivation section of toolkit.
- **How?** Tutor your child when they need help in a subject.

**Strategy – Picture or Activity Checklists**
- Make a list of the activities that the child is expected to take part in for the whole day or a selected part of the day. Next to each activity, put a picture/drawing related to that activity. The picture will be used as a prompt to move on to that activity.
- These can be used with verbal or nonverbal children.
- When the child completes the activity have him/her check off the completed task or move down to the next task.

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**9. MODIFY INSTRUCTIONAL DELIVERY**

**WHAT IS IT?**
Alter how you instruct the class in academics OR alter how you deliver commands at home or school.

**WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?**

**Strategy – Effective Requests**
Delivering effective commands increases the likelihood that a child will comply with the request. Connect compliance to a reward menu and have pre-established consequences for noncompliance.

**Characteristics of effective requests:**
- Say start instead of stop. Tell the child what to do rather than what not to do.
- Use clear directive, not a question.
- Make eye contact.
- Stand near the child when giving the request.
- Use a neutral, firm tone of voice.
- Build behavior momentum (see above).
- Give descriptive directions.
  Make the demand possible. You may want to divide a large request into little steps.
- Wait five seconds after giving a command.
- Only give a request twice.
- Remain calm.

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• Reward compliance.

**Sequence of effective requests:**
• Give an effective request (use suggestions above). For example, "Please start your work."
• Wait 5-10 seconds for the child to react
• If the child does follow the command, reward him/her.
• If the child does **not** follow command, repeat the request but word it YOU NEED TO...
• After you repeat the request, wait 5-10 seconds.
• If the child complies then provide a reward. If the child does not comply then provide a consequence (e.g. time out).

**Strategy — Academic Instruction**
Change the instruction so it is more effective.

• **Academic Learning Time:** Increase the amount of time the students are actively engaged in, and experiencing success in, learning.
  • Begin on time
  • Minimize “housekeeping” tasks
  • Minimize transition time

• **Direct Instruction:** This type of instruction maximizes academic learning time and provides a very structured learning environment. There is no single type of direct instruction. There are many commercial instructional materials recommended. Some characteristics of programs include:
  • Teacher presentations are scripted and preplanned.
  • Presentations are fast paced.
  • Small groups are utilized to maximize student response opportunities and teacher monitoring.
  • Oral group responding is incorporated to monitor ongoing learning.
  • Skills are taught to mastery.
  • Individual mastery tests are administered.
  • Student motivation is maintained by teacher praise and encouragement and other rewards.
  • When students make errors, correction is immediate, using specific correction procedures.
"Wanting Attention"

**Strategy:** Wandering Social Praise

**Description:** The teacher walks around the classroom and randomly praises a few students for good behavior.

**Purpose:** To provide positive adult attention to the behaviors we want to see again.

**Outcome:** Teachers prevent problem behaviors by being physically close to students AND they increase appropriate behaviors by giving praise to students who are doing what they are supposed to be doing!
“Getting Out of Something I Don’t Like”

**Strategy:** Provide Frequent Breaks

**Description:** Provide the child with more breaks during the day and throughout the task or activity.

**Purpose:** To help the child stay focused and attentive throughout the activity.

**Outcome:** The child will be more likely to complete the task when he/she is allowed to take periodic breaks.
“Getting Out of Something I Don't Like”

**Strategy:** Bedtime Checklist

**Description:** Make a list of activities/tasks that must be done at bedtime.

**Purpose:** To help the child predict what will come next in his/her schedule and teach the child the expected behaviors.

**Outcome:** The child will be more willing to complete his/her bedtime routine if there is a checklist that points out exactly what needs to be done.
"Motivate Me!"

**Strategy:** Chart Moves

**Description:** A technique that uses dot-to-dot pictures so students can track their own progress and determine when rewards will be given.

**Purpose:** A unique way to provide motivation and frequent recognition for positive behavior.

**Outcome:** Chart moves can increase good behavior and help the child become more aware of his/her own behavior.

* A variation is to use magic "decoding" pens and mark reward dots with an invisible ink magic marker.
"Talking with Each Other"

**Strategy:** Home-School Notes

**Description:** A note that shares information about the child’s behavior is sent back and forth between the teacher and parents.

**Purpose:** To provide a way for parents and teachers to communicate regularly about the child’s behavior.

**Outcome:** Home notes can improve behavior and increase communication between the home and school.
Eric

STRENGTHS

Home
- Very intelligent
- Very strong willed and determined
- Energetic and passionate
- Likes anything scientific and construction machines

School
- Very smart and gifted in reading
- Prefers individual play
- A creative problem solver
- Good at task completion

Conjoint Home/School Goals

Target Behavior: Home: Follow Directions first time asked
School: Follow directions right away.

Goal: Home: Eric will initiate 3 evening tasks within 10 seconds of being asked
School: Eric will complete 3 math tasks within 10 seconds of being asked

Home

WHAT HAPPENS BEFORE? Eric’s asked to get ready for bed on his own.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER? Mom yells at him and then eventually goes up stairs to help him get ready

PATTERNS OF BEHAVIOR. After he’s just eaten he has lots of extra energy

School

Math time, doesn’t like math

Teacher gives him several reminders, abut he won’t start until everyone else has finished

Math is not his favorite subject.

He doesn’t want anyone to think he can’t do his work.

Home

HYPOTHESIS He doesn’t want to get ready for bed.
He’d rather stay up and play.

INTERVENTIONS Bedtime checklist, chart move, home-school note

OUTCOME Eric meeting his goal consistently,
Eric is initiating 4 evening tasks within 10 seconds

School

He would rather sit than get started on his work.

Wandering praise, chart move, home-school note

Eric is meeting his goal consistently, Eric is completing 4 math tasks within 10 seconds
PERFORMANCE SCALE FOR ______________________

Home_________ School_________

Pre-Plan _________ Post-Plan_____

Date: _______________ Due Date: _______________

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Target Behavior: _______________________________________

Goal: _______________________________________

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Scoring Definition:

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PERFORMANCE SCALE FOR Eric
Home______ School____X____
Pre-Plan______ Post-Plan____X____

Date: 1/9/07   Due Date: 1/23/07

Instruction: Write the agreed upon target behavior and goal in the space provided. Decide on the appropriate scoring for each point value on the rating scale and enter into blank spaces on the next page. Circle a point value (1-5) that corresponds to the occurrence of the target behavior daily. Record the daily rating onto the graph to monitor progress over time.

Target Behavior: Following directions - Eric begins task within 10 seconds of being asked

Goal: Eric will complete 3 math tasks within 10 seconds

Scoring Levels: 1 = Worst Possible Outcome 2 = Worse than Normal Outcome 3 = Typical Outcome 4 = Better than Normal Outcome 5 = Best Possible Outcome

Scoring Definition: The number of math tasks completed with only 1 reminder
1 = 0 tasks  2 = 1 task  3 = 2 tasks  4 = 3 tasks  5 = 4 tasks

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