

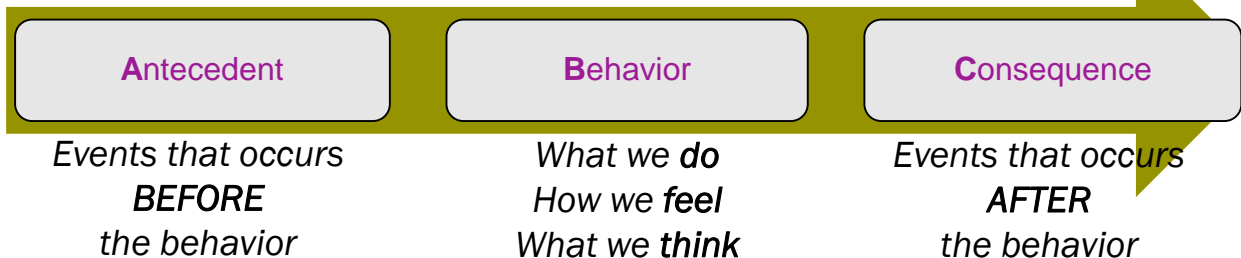
Using BCBAs in Dementia Care: Our Most Difficult Cases

1. Identify the general job duties of a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)
2. Recognize how BCBAs use behavioral assessments to determine environmental influences of behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia
3. Describe behavior analytic interventions to decrease challenging behaviors and increase desirable behaviors

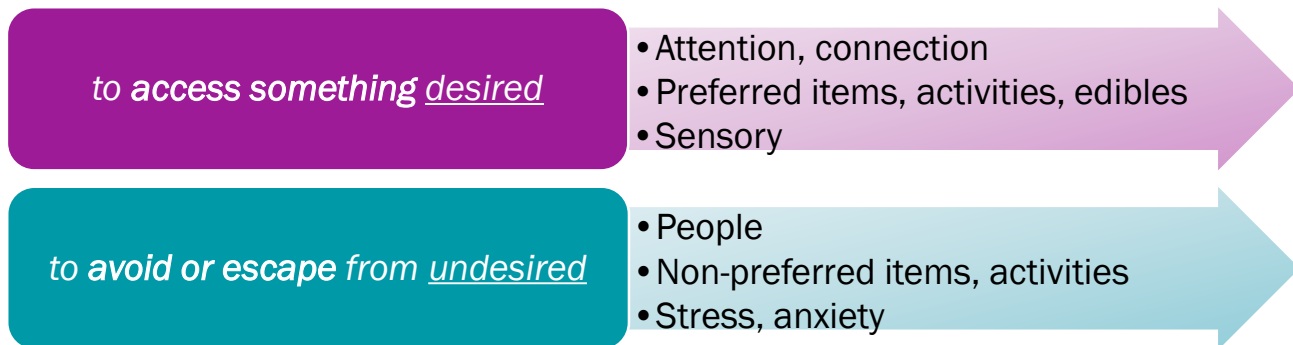
Board Certified Behavior Analyst: Practice the science of behavior, whereby behavior is the primary focus of an investigation.

- Study behavior patterns, create individualized plans, improve human conditions using non-pharmacological interventions that are focused on environmental changes in order to enhance quality of life and care services. We decrease challenging behaviors, maintain daily life skills, implement memory and language programs, and prolong independence.
- BCBAs conduct in-home assessments, set family/care team goals, develop and implement plans, and train others (family members, paid caregivers).

BCBAS USE Behavior Assessments



Behavior is Communication



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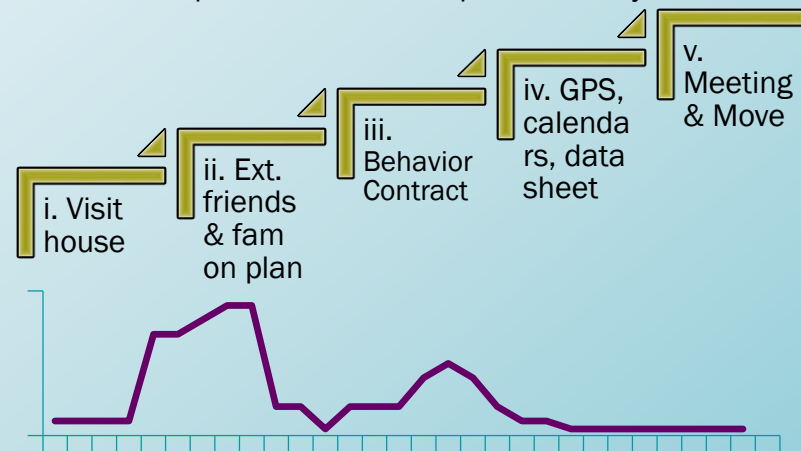
Examples in Practice

Assessment identified lack of access to desirable events (outings, boyfriends) and avoidance of people



Interventions: Access to preferred events, small group activities, access to wine, Prompt hierarchies, Frequent check-ins

Assessment identified lack of access to desirable events independence and escape of memory care



Interventions: Access to preferred events, graduated plans for more independence, Visuals, Self-management

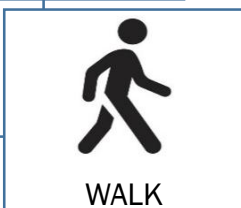
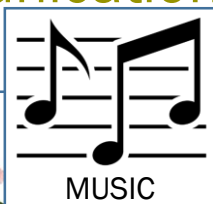
RACIAL SLURS

Assessment: Attention function

Interventions: Frequent check-ins, Modeled respectful discussions about race, Emotional support to staff



Communication Cards



Recommend
Medical
Evaluations

STAFF TRAINING

Always a component

SENIOR CARE HOME
PROGRAMS

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(Community can
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