

Updates to Advanced Skills in Positive Behaviour Support (October 2023)

We are pleased to announce new additions to the online Advanced Skills in Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) training program. Recognizing the importance of continuous learning and the need to address evolving challenges in our field, we have introduced **nine new sections** to our Advanced Skills curriculum.

Here's what's new:

- 1. **Behaviour in Context**: Dive deep into understanding behavior within different environments and circumstances, ensuring that our interventions are timely and contextually relevant.
- 2. Ethical Considerations in Understanding Behaviour: Explore the moral implications of our actions and decisions when dealing with behavior. This section is vital for ensuring that our interventions are always in the best interests of those we serve.
- 3. **Risk Assessment**: Learn how to evaluate and mitigate potential threats and harms related to behaviors, providing a safer environment for both professionals and individuals.
- 4. **Staff Roles & Responsibilities**: Define the expectations and obligations of each team member, promoting better collaboration and clarity in roles within the PBS framework.
- 5. **Behaviour Observation & Charting**: Understand the techniques and importance of systematically observing and documenting behavior, which is foundational for datadriven decision-making.
- 6. **Functional Behavioural Assessments & Behavioural Support Plans**: Delve into the methodology and implementation of assessments to better understand the 'why' behind behaviors and design effective support plans.
- 7. **Behaviour Interventions**: Equip yourself with advanced strategies and techniques for managing challenging behaviors, ensuring more successful outcomes.
- 8. **Teaching New Behaviours**: Discover proven methods to promote desired behaviors while reducing and replacing undesired ones.
- 9. **Positive and Restrictive Procedures**: Understand the difference between these two types of interventions, when they are appropriate, and the ethical considerations involved in their use.

These additions will greatly enhance the quality and depth of our training program, ensuring that our members are well-equipped to navigate the complexities of behavior support.