

**Assignment #2**  
**Application for Planning Treatment, Providing Treatment and Monitoring Progress**

**Assignment Objective:** This assignment has three parts, which correspond to the clinical issues relevant to planning treatment, providing treatment and monitoring progress. The objective of the assignment is to illustrate the concepts and tools we will be discussing in class. This is a case study with some experimental control. It raises some very good questions about who and what to treat, and measuring progress. You will be completing the assignment over several weeks. Pay attention to deadlines for the individual parts; we will be discussing the parts separately in class prior to your submitting the final paper.

**Task:** For this assignment, read and evaluate the following article:

Vaughn, B., Dunlap, G., Fox, L., Clarke, S, and Bucy, M. (1997). Parent-professional partnership in behavioral support : a case study of community-based intervention.

You will be working independently and in groups to answer the following questions:

**PART 1: Planning Treatment**

1. Who is the direct consumer of treatment (who is the "client")? Who is the indirect consumer of treatment? What is your rationale for your selection?
2. What are the treatment objectives (i.e., treatment target)? Indicate what behaviors the treatment is attempting to change (i.e., target behaviors) for the direct consumer. In addition, indicate what behaviors MAY change as a result of treatment (i.e., generalization behaviors) for the direct and indirect consumers.

We will discuss Part 1 on **October 29<sup>th</sup>**. Once we have discussed the answer you may then go back and edit your answers. These will then be used for Part 2 that follows.

**Part 2: Providing Treatment**

1. What is the treatment?
2. Describe how the clinician is attempting to alter the indirect consumer's behavior. Make sure you use a behavioral paradigm (ABC) to describe the treatment.

3. What thoughts do you have about the treatment?

We will discuss Part 2 on **November 10**. Once we have discussed the answer you may then go back and edit your answers.

### **Part 3: Monitoring Progress**

1. What kinds of data are being collected? Specifically, for each of the behaviors described in Part 1, Question 2 above, indicate the kinds of data and types of measures that were used for documenting change. HINT: Target behaviors for the direct consumer and generalization behaviors for the direct and indirect consumer.)

We will discuss Part 3 on **November 19**. You may make written edits during the class discussion on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Audience:** Instructor and classmates

**Submission:** Your written paper should address each of the 3 questions listed above. See below for due dates.

**Format:** Typed, double spaced, 12 point font, 1 inch margins, 2-3 pages of narrative + actual abstract

**Grading:** This assignment is worth **25** points. Grading will be based on:

- Content: clarity, relevancy, thoughtfulness, **completeness**, logic/organization
- Writing: paragraph and sentence level organization and structure, grammar, punctuation, spelling, vocabulary/semantics, neatness.

**Due Date:** Part 1 – Discussion on **October 29<sup>th</sup>**; Part 2 – Discussion on **November 10**. Part 3 – Discussion on **November 19**. **FINAL, complete paper (answers to all parts) handed in November 19.**

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