Behavior News You Can Use!

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Behavior can be frustrating, but the good news is that there is a science to learning and behavior that can help parents learn how to better address any behavioral concerns no matter what age or stage their child is in. These strategies don’t have to be complex or cumbersome. Some tips involve prevention, some focus more on effective consequences and, of course, we always want to focus on teaching. Come and learn about new tools for your behavior toolbox that you can actually understand and use!

**Learning Objectives:**

1. Participants will learn basic behavioral principles and how the environment impacts behavior.
2. Participants will learn about functional assessment and how it can be used to treat problem behaviors.
3. Participants will understand the importance of teaching and replacing problem behaviors in order to improve outcomes.
4. Participants will learn specific strategies to prevent problem behaviors from occurring.

**About the Speaker:**

**Stacy Taylor** received her bachelor’s degree in psychology from Rollins College and completed her master’s degree in education at the University of Central Florida. For over 15 years she has worked as an early interventionist and behavior analyst providing services to people with developmental disabilities and learning/behavioral challenges. She has served as director for 3 clinics and currently owns and operates a 1:1 therapy program, Advance Behavior & Learning, and a fully-inclusive private elementary school, Advance Learning Academy, in Central Florida. Mrs. Taylor has worked in a variety of settings including clinics, schools, and homes. In addition to providing 1:1 treatment to children, she has also provided training and consultation to parents, teachers, therapists and agencies. She has spoken at numerous conferences across the country on early intervention and behavioral treatment and serves on the board of the Down Syndrome Association of Central Florida. She has also enjoyed teaching college-level courses in inclusion, learning, and behavior and provides an internship site to help students gain real-world experience.