



PROMOTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOR

The Early Intervention team's four-part webinar series for 2020 will focus on promoting positive behavior in young children. This webinar series covers the ABCs and the function of behavior, multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS), environmental arrangement, working with families, and promoting friendship and belonging. These free webinars are easy to join and offer continuing education credits.

PRESENTER

Dr. Jessica Hardy received her Ph.D. in early childhood special education from Vanderbilt University and her M.Ed. and B.A. from the University of Florida. She taught in Portland, OR as a Head Start teacher and an early childhood special education teacher. Jessica's primary research interests are supporting social-emotional development; evidence-based instructional practices, particularly for teaching early math and science; and early childhood coaching and professional development.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

Continuing education credits will be offered throughout this series. Please check the event page of each session for details.

Behavior Basics: Laying the Groundwork for Positive Change

March 24, 2020 | 11:00 - 12:30 p.m. ET

Professionals working with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers are likely to encounter challenging behavior. This webinar reviews the ABCs of behavior (antecedent, behavior, consequence) and helps professionals identify the function of behavior. Dr. Hardy explains the ways in which multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) can be utilized to manage challenging behavior for all children, but especially children with disabilities or who have experienced trauma. The use of tally sheets, forms, and checklists to inform decisions that support positive behavior and sustain behavioral change is also addressed.

Creating Space: Arranging Environments to Promote Positive Behavior

June 16, 2020 | 11:00 - 12:30 p.m. ET

The environmental arrangement of a classroom, child care center, or family home can impact behavior. This webinar provides practical strategies and resources early childhood practitioners can easily implement in their work. Useful tools for navigating transitions, routines, and communicating expectations and rules are shared. Presenters suggest ways to arrange learning centers, toys, and other objects to promote positive behavior for children with and without disabilities.

Let's Work Together: Building Relationships with Families to Support Positive Behavior

September 29, 2020 | 11:00 - 12:30 p.m. ET

Building a positive relationship with a child's family that affirms their culture and identity is an important part of an early childhood practitioner's job. This webinar addresses ways practitioners can connect with and include families of young children with disabilities in identifying and implementing strategies to support positive behavior at school, childcare, and home. Presenters share tips for navigating difficult conversations with families regarding challenging behavior.

Make New Friends: Promoting Friendship and Belonging

December 1, 2020 | 11:00 - 12:30 p.m. ET

All children desire to have friends and experience a sense of belonging. However, making friends may not come easy for young children. This webinar explores how early childhood practitioners can create a culture of friendship and belonging for all children. Friendship skills and strategies to support their development in young children with and without disabilities in inclusive environments is addressed. Presenters also share ways practitioners can partner with families to support the development of friendship skills in young children.

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