October 2, 2009 Behavior Committee for ISBE Notes

Purpose of this committee – provide different measures/methods for assessing behavior change in schools

Review of Information from Peoria meeting – Which of the following do we want to focus on as a committee?

- a. Reduction of Physical Management
- b. Reduction of Interventions/Incident Reports
- c. Reduction of Maladaptive Behaviors
- d. Reduction of Clinical Support
- e. Positive Behaviors
- 1. Positive Behaviors
 - a. How do we want to measure these?
 - Identify positive target behaviors possibly through the Functional Analysis in the IEP
 - Develop point sheets.
 - Review with students.
 - Develop charting systems that the school could use.
 - Create different systems that each school could choose from to best assess their student population.
 - Create a generic tool that schools could use and adapt.
 - b. What are we going to measure?
 - Physical aggression (decrease)
 - Making positive choices
 - Helping others
 - Academic achievement
 - Attendance
 - Etc
 - c. Should we develop subcommittees?
- 2. Reduction of Physical Management
 - a. What do we want to measure regarding physical management? What do we want to see? Do we want to measure this for each disorder?
 - Decrease in frequency
 - Decrease in duration
 - Decrease in intensity
 - b. How do we want to measure change? What will allow us to look at how we are serving our students?
 - By classroom
 - By age
 - By disability

- 3. Reduction in Interventions
 - a. What do we want to measure?
 - Removal from class
 - Reduction in all interventions
 - Restraints
 - Time Outs
 - Quiet room/Isolation
 - In/Out of school suspensions
 - Loss of privileges
 - b. Should we only focus on a few interventions to measure? Which ones?
 - Physical management
 - Time out
 - 1:1 aides
- 4. Reduction of Maladaptive Behaviors
 - a. What do we want to measure?
 - Verbal and physical aggression
 - Self injurious behaviors
 - Sexually aggressive behaviors?
 - Destruction of property
 - Elopement
 - Disruptive behaviors
 - Theft

****The group decided to take off "Decreasing Clinical Support" as a measure.

Follow up for next meeting on November 6^{th} it was originally scheduled for Helping hands – it will likely be at the location of the IAPSEC meeting

- Bring in materials/measurements that you currently utilize (4 copies)
- Look at what your program is already doing and bring in any ideas
- Think about piloting what we want to do. This will allow us to:
 - Be more mindful of what we are measuring
 - Give accurate data that is really meaningful and will show how we are successful
 - Give everyone a better idea of how we are currently measuring behavioral changes