

Best Practices Checklist



1. Historical Information

- Is there synthesized information from previous reports and records?
- Is there a current summary of current medication and diagnosis (medical and mental health)?
- Is there a summary of pertinent developmental history?
- Is there a summary of previous FBA/BSP's?
- Is there a history of any significant traumatic or stressful life events?



2. Behavioral Descriptions

- Does the assessment define the target behaviors in measurable/observable terms?



3. Indirect Data

- Is there a description of interviews and rating scales used?
- Is there a synthesis of information?
- Was the individual interviewed?
- Were the people who know the individual the best interviewed?



4. Direct Data

- Are any other current/ simultaneous assessments summarized (risk, communication, sexuality, etc.)?
- Was baseline data collected for each targeted behavior?
- Was the data collection process clearly documented?
 - What data was collected?
 - Where/ when was data collected?
 - Who took the data?
- Are there graphs of data?



5. Hypothesis

- Are there hypotheses for each targeted behavior?
- Does the hypothesis include Condition/Behavior/Function?
- Does the hypothesized function clearly relate to the data?
- If applicable, are there multiple hypothesis for a target behavior that may have different functions depending on the condition?



6. Recommendations

- Are there recommendations to rule out medical cause for behaviors that may have physiological origins?
- Is there a clear recommendation for or against a behavioral support plan?
- Is there a list of triggers for target behaviors?
- Is there a list of missing socially significant behaviors that may be targeted that may serve as functional replacements or build resiliency skills?
- Are there lifestyle recommendations that may increase the individual's quality of life and expand upon their interests?