

# The Ohio State University Nisonger Center

A University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

## ADULT BEHAVIOR SUPPORT SERVICES

<b>PURPOSE</b>	The Adult Behavior Support Services Program of the Nisonger Center develops, implements and monitors behavior support strategies for adults with challenging behaviors. The unit works with individuals, families, day programs, residential programs and service coordinators of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.
<b>PERSONS SERVED</b>	Adults, ages 18 and older, who receive Franklin County Board of DD services.
<b>REFERRALS</b>	Referrals are made by Franklin County Board of DD service coordinators. No direct referrals are accepted.
<b>STAFF</b>	Staff includes psychologists, behavior specialists and graduate students.
<b>SERVICES</b>	The Nisonger Adult Behavior Support staff meets with family, day programs, residential and transportation personnel to perform a functional assessment of the person's behaviors. In consultation with the individual's team, Nisonger staff develops behavior support strategies. They train personnel in strategy implementation and provide ongoing monitoring of the support strategies according to guidelines provided by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and Franklin County Board of DD.
<b>LOCATION</b>	Meetings are arranged at the individual's day program and residence, as needed.
<b>COST</b>	The Program operates under contract with Franklin County Board of DD. There is no cost to individuals or their families.
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