

The Ohio State University Nisonger Center
A University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

BEHAVIOR SUPPORT SERVICES

PURPOSE	The Behavior Support Services unit of the Nisonger Center develops, implements, and monitors behavior support strategies for individuals with challenging behaviors. The unit works with individuals, families, day programs, residential programs and the service coordinators of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.
PERSONS SERVED	Children, adolescents and adults, ages 4 and older, who participate in the Franklin County Board of DD programs.
REFERRALS	Referrals are made by Franklin County Board of DD service coordinators. No direct referrals are accepted.
STAFF	Staff includes psychologists, behavior specialists, and graduate students.
SERVICES	The Nisonger Behavior Support Services staff meets with family, school personnel, day programs, transportation, service providers and residential personnel to perform a functional assessment of the person's challenging behaviors. In consultation with the individual's team, they then develop behavior support strategies. Nisonger Behavior Support Services staff trains personnel in plan implementation and monitoring according to guidelines provided by the Ohio Department of DD and the Franklin County Board of DD.
LOCATION	Meetings are arranged at the individual's residence, day program or other locations as needed.
COST	The program operates under contract with Franklin County Board of DD. There is no cost to individuals or their families.
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