

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

**CHILD BEHAVIOR SUPPORT SERVICES**

<b>PURPOSE</b>	The Child Behavior Support Services Unit of the Nisonger Center develops, implements, and monitors behavior support plans for children and adolescents with challenging behaviors. The unit works with individuals, families, service providers, and service coordinators of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.
<b>PERSONS SERVED</b>	Children and adolescents, ages 4 to 21, who receive services from the Franklin County Board of DD programs.
<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 Child Behavior Support staff meets with the family, service providers, and school personnel to perform a functional assessment of the child's challenging behaviors. In consultation with the child's team, they then develop a behavior support plan. Nisonger Child Behavior Support staff trains caregivers in plan implementation and monitoring according to guidelines provided by the Ohio Department of DD and Franklin County Board of DD. Caregivers are expected to collect data on target behaviors, follow the plan, and work with the behavior specialist on an ongoing basis.
<b>LOCATION</b>	Meetings are arranged at the child's residence or other location as needed.
<b>COST</b>	The program operates under contract with the County board. There is no cost to the family.
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