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## **Components of a Behavior Intervention Plan**

This document is intended to outline essential components in a behavior intervention plan. It was adapted from Module 4: Critical Features of BSP from <a href="Basic FBA">Basic FBA</a> (www.basicfba.com).

**Replace problem behavior** by teaching a socially acceptable, efficient behavior that allows the student to obtain the same function:

- An appropriate replacement behavior:
  - Serves the same function as the problem behavior
  - o Is easier to do and more efficient than the problem behavior
  - Is socially acceptable

**Prevent problem behaviors** by directly addressing antecedents / triggers and prompting replacement behaviors based on the function of behavior:

- Prevention Interventions should:
  - Directly address the identified antecedent/trigger
  - Directly address the function of the problem behavior
  - o Remind the student to use the replacement behavior (prompts)

Reinforce replacement & desired behaviors based on the function for the student:

- Immediately reinforce the use of replacement behaviors
- Reinforce desired behaviors by:
  - Using reasonable goals and expectations
  - Using a reasonable timeframe for achieving goals
  - o Ensure that the reinforcement is valued (matches function)

**Redirect problem behavior** by quickly and effectively redirecting the student to the replacement behavior:

• At the earliest sign of problem behavior, redirect or prompt student to the replacement behavior.

**Minimize reinforcement of the problem behavior** by ensuring that it no longer works for the student:

• When problem behaviors occur, identify a response that does not result in reinforcing the behaviors.

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