Tim Feeny's Top 10 List!

THINGS YOU NEED TO REMEMBER WHEN WORKING WITH KIDS WITH CHALLENGING BEHAVIOR

10. The best behavior intervention in prevention.

9. Successful behavior programs focus on ANTECEDENTS.

8. Behavior problems and cognitive problems are inseparable after brain injury; therefore, successful behavior interventions must include cognitive supports.

7. Always look like you feel like you know what you're doing.

6. Always make your expectations clear. Make sure the student knows where you're going to take them, how much work you want done, etc.

5. Make a plan prior to beginning an activity. Identify exactly what will be done and verbally rehearse before beginning. This means clearly identifying when the task begins and ends.

4. Remember all behaviors communicate something. The key to successful intervention is figuring out what the student's behavior is telling you, and then giving them another, more positive way to say it.

3. BE PATIENT! – BE PATIENT! – BE PATIENT! – BE PATIENT!

2. Keep your sense of humor, sometimes that's all you've got!

1. Remember the cardinal rule in behavior management: "NOBODY'S GOTTA DO NOTHIN'!" We may really, really, really want our kids to succeed, but we can't make them do what we want!

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