

Four Major Ethical Considerations in Implementing Intrusive Behaviour Programs



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This talk will review the history of behavioral programming “philosophies” from the perspective of a 29-year, private-practicing, clinical behavior analyst in Ontario. The emphasis will be on a common clinical dilemma – when should intrusive techniques be implemented? It will be suggested that our history has made it very difficult to resolve this dilemma due to shifting philosophies. It will examine in detail four major ethical considerations the behavior analyst faces when considering implementing intrusive behavioral programs in residential settings. First, **environmental prerequisites** of the consistent implementation of structured daily activity schedules (DAS) that afford adequate levels of attention, functional activity and opportunities for learning skills will be discussed. Three years of baseline data and one year of intervention data will be presented about the level of DAS implementation in six residential settings servicing adults with acquired brain injuries. Second, standards will be suggested for **crisis intervention training** that require individualized physical intervention techniques that integrate well with behavioral programs. The Safe Management Group Inc. program will be presented with emphasis on how it works with behaviour analyst programming and data regarding its effectiveness in training knowledge and performance competencies. Third, agency-approved **behavioral programming standards** that are monitored by an arms-length standards review committee to insure program defensibility and quality assurance will be presented. A 12-year agency system will be presented with data regarding its results. And fourth, a **hands-on standard** for conducting behavioural programming assessments will be discussed with case results presented of one-day assessments of escape extinction of severe aggressive behaviour.

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