

## Kidz Conference Services

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## Functional Communication Training Going Beyond the Basics

**February 25, 2021 @ 4:30-7:45 pm**

**Presenter:**

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**LOCATION: Live-Online (Zoom)**

Instructions for log-in will be sent 2 days prior to session

**Target Audience:**

- Teachers
- School Leaders
- Social Workers
- Speech/Language Pathologists
- BCBA's & BCaBA's
- Psychologists (NASP CPDs only)
- Licensed Mental Health Counselors

**Age Range of Students:**

- Preschool
- Elem
- MS
- HS

**Course Level & Learning Methods:**

Intermediate; Lecture and Group Participation

**Presentation:**

Live-Virtual Online



## Functional Communication Training Going Beyond the Basics

**Working with individuals who have difficulty expressing their needs?**

**Do your learners have severe speech/language difficulties and use problem behavior to communicate what they need?**

**Are YOU searching for an effective evidence-based intervention to address problem behavior?**

When individuals have difficulty expressing their needs, they will engage in behavior that may result in getting their needs met. Sometimes these behaviors may be inappropriate or harmful. Functional Communication Training (FCT) is an evidence-based intervention used to replace inappropriate or problem behavior with more appropriate and effective communicative behaviors or skills. It teaches and establishes replacement behaviors for inappropriate or harmful behaviors such as aggression, escape/elopement, non-compliance, self-injury, and more. FCT requires the precise manipulation of establishing operations, timing of prompts, and delivery of consequences for communicative and problem behavior while ensuring the safety of the implementer and the student.

This training is geared to taking a deeper dive into this intervention. We will discuss the selection of functional responses, use of effective teaching methods and schedules of reinforcement, including how to thin these schedules. Additionally we will explore how to effectively increase the complexity of functional communication responses, use of demand fading and alternatives to using escape extinction procedures.

### Learner Objectives

*As a result of this activity, the participant will be able to:*

- Describe effective teaching methods for Functional Communication Training, including how to advance the Functional Communication Responses (FCR)
- Identify optimal functional communication responses
- Identify reinforcement procedures including schedule use and thinning reinforcement, appropriate to the setting of the learner
- Summarize reinforcement procedures to teach acceptance and tolerate delays and demands

### Agenda

- 4:30 Introduction: Overview of FCT and objectives for the session
- 4:45 Selection of Optimal Functional Communication Responses (FCR)
- 5:45 Effective Teaching Methods
- 6:00 Break
- 6:15 Effective Teaching Methods & Use of schedules of Reinforcement and Thinning of Reinforcement
- 7:00 Increasing Complexity of FCR
- 7:30 Final discussion, questions, and comments

## CEU/ CPD / CTLE Information



**ASHA CE  
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Kidz Conference Services

Intermediate Level  
.3 ASHA CEUs

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## Course Information

**Handouts** - will be sent prior to the session; you are responsible for printing  
**Certificates of Attendance** - To receive Continuing Education Credits & Certificates, participants **must be present for the entire session** and complete/return an evaluation form, including learning objectives.

## Registration Information

**Fee for Session: \$65 Kidz/BB Staff: \$55**

**Register Online:**

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### Refund Policy:

All cancellations will be subject to a handling fee of \$15. Refund requests must be received by mail/e-mail no later than 10 days prior to the session, or the full amount will be charged.

Workshops cancelled due to inclement weather, under registration or other unforeseen circumstances will be rescheduled for another date or a full refund will be given. In the event of cancellation due to inclement weather, we will attempt to contact you. Notification of the cancellation will also be posted on our website.

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If you require a reasonable accommodation to attend, all such requests must be received no later than *4 weeks prior to the scheduled session date*.

## Biographical Information

**Stacey Ratner, MS, L- BCBA, SBL, SDL** has been working with individuals with special needs and their families for over 30 years. She possess a Bachelor degree in Sociology, a MS in SPED, and advanced certifications in Applied Behavioral Analysis, and Educational Leadership and Administration. Her roles over her extensive career include Adjunct Professor at Adelphi University, Principal of a 4410 program, a Quality Assurance / Compliance officer, Parent Trainer, Classroom Teacher, SEIT and EI provider. Currently serving as the Chief Clinical Compliance and Ethics Officer at Beyond Boundaries Autism Specialists and Therapeutic Services, she continues to present lectures and workshops to parents and professionals on a wide variety of topics.

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