# Outline

#### **Behaviors that Make Us Crazy**

Tantrums Running out/away Noncompliance Nagging Refusing to work/help Yelling/screaming Bullying Panic/anxiety reactions Lack of follow through Not following directions

#### Disorders

**Oppositional Defiant Disorder** ADHD Mood disorders Anxiety disorders Attachment issues/disorder, conduct disorder, autism spectrum disorders

#### Assessment

The Functions of Behavior Fear-based (Fight, Flight, Freeze or Submit) Escape Attention Sensory Pain Control

#### **Mental Health Disorder or Behavior** Problem

The power of skilled observations The interview Comparison to the group The FBA-Incredibly powerful assessment tool The art of choosing a diagnosis (if you have to at all!)

#### Limitations of the Research and **Potential Risks**

#### **Treatment Strategies Part I** Proactive

Behavior plans Motivational incentives Set the stage for success

Remember the initial goal Appropriately address the functions of the behavior Reactive Corrective measures

## It's like playing chess in a tornado **Treatment Strategies Part II**

#### Specific Strategies for the Following **Behavioral Challenges:**

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## **Treatment Strategies Part III**

Specific Strategies for the Following Disorders: ODD ADHD Mood disorders Anxiety disorders Working with unsafe behaviors

## **Treatment Strategies Part IV**

**Special Populations & Circumstances** Asperger's disorder Divorce, separation Abuse and neglect Parent misbehavior Foster care

#### Live Seminar Schedule

7:30 Registration/Morning Coffee & Tea 8:00 Program begins

**11:50-1:00** Lunch (on your own) 4:00 Program ends

There will be two 15-min breaks (mid-morning & mid-afternoon). Actual lunch and break start times are at the discretion of the speaker. A more detailed schedule is available upon request.

# **Objectives**

- 1. Utilize clinical strategies to reduce the frequency, duration and severity of behavioral episodes that challenge therapists, educators, professionals and parents.
- **2.** Implement both proactive and reactive strategies for oppositional, defiant and disruptive behavior in children and youth.
- **3.** Discriminate between the clinical presentation of behavioral episodes and psychiatric symptoms to inform treatment.
- 4. Communicate how a skilled observation of behavior informs your treatment approach.
- 5. Develop clinical skills for establishing a therapeutic rapport to overcome treatment resistance in children and adolescents.
- **6.** Effectively develop a behavior intervention plan and safety plan across all settings including home and school

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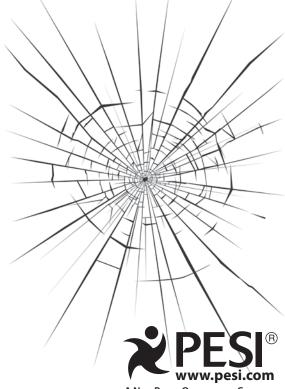
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# Speaker -

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Scott co-founded a domestic violence group for female offenders and was a practicing therapist and case manager supervisor for a special project in Lincoln that offered treatment for torture and trauma survivors for refugees and immigrants. In addition to his duties as a therapist and consultant, Scott is the founder and owner of the Lincoln Karate Clinic, Inc. This karate school offers specialized karate lessons for children ages 4-7 and youth ages 8 and up. The karate school is well known for providing unique classes that incorporate Stranger Danger lessons, and Scott's personally developed antibullying program entitled: "The 4 C's of Bullying."

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