Outline

Functions of a Meltdown

Tantrum vs. meltdown Stages of a meltdown Sensory issues vs. behavior issues Meltdown intervention video

Sensory Strategies

Easy-to-use sensory tools and apps to

Overstimulation and sensory breakdowns Therapy session and classroom structure for optimal learning

Executive Functioning Strategies

Visual cues, music and software designed to increase attention and focus

High interest areas to strengthen motivation and engagement

Visual reminders for routines and predictability

Visual structures to promote organization

Self-Regulation Strategies

Video modeling, t-charts, social stories, social scripts, emotions charts to develop self-control

Tools that promote self-monitoring of behavior

Power cards and visual checklists as powerful incentives to change behavior

Social/Emotional Communication Strategies

Social scripts and social stories to develop social interaction

Video modeling and role playing to demonstrate appropriate interactions

First person stories for positive behavior changes and affirmations

Explosive Behavior Strategies

Recognize the warning signs of a meltdown in order to prevent it Surprise cards, change of schedule

cues and transition markers to alleviate anxiety

Visual cues to depict expected behavior Converting the verbal to a visual

Techniques for After the Meltdown

Strategies for instructional consequences Chart appropriate/inappropriate behaviors

Activities for reviewing behaviors when

Cartooning to facilitate feedback Strategies for providing systematic feedback

Reinforcement for communication strategies

Identify feelings and review behavior

Hands-on Activities

Demonstration video of child having a meltdown

Appropriate and meaningful replacement behaviors for physical aggression Instructional consequences for a meltdown

7:30 Registration/Morning Coffee & Tea

4:00 Program ends

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8:00 Program begins

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Objectives

- 1. Discriminate functions of behavior during a tantrum vs. meltdown.
- 2. Illustrate the connections and breakdowns between communication, social skills and behaviors.
- 3. Employ a breathe card and emotions chart to develop self-control and selfmanagement skills.
- 4. Design optimal therapy/classroom structure to prevent overstimulation and sensory breakdowns.
- 5. Employ SOCCSS, keychain rules and t-charts to prevent, intervene or consequate targeted behaviors.
- 6. Utilize surprise cards, change of schedule cues and transition markers to alleviate
- 7. Implement a "system" rather than a person dependent intervention.

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- Improve social/emotional communication skills with video modeling and role playing
- Promote positive behavior through first person stories and visual cues

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- Surprise cards, change of schedule cues and transition markers to alleviate anxiety
- Video modeling and role playing to improve social/emotional communication
- First person stories and visual cues to promote positive behavior
- Visual cues, music and software designed to increase attention and focus
- Social stories, social scripts and emotions charts to develop self-regulation
- SOCCSS, keychain rules and t-charts to target challenging behaviors

Speaker

Kathy Morris, **M.Ed.**, **B.S.**, has had over 42 years of experience working with children and adolescents with severe behavioral difficulties including those with autism, ADHD and executive dysfunction. Her consulting firm, igivuWings, specializes in autism and behavioral issues. Kathy works directly with families, educators, counselors, speech pathologists, occupational therapists and medical professionals throughout the world.

She has been a speech therapist, teacher for self-contained programs, resource teacher and first grade teacher. Kathy was also a diagnostician/supervisor for all grade levels. She was a LIFE Skills/autism/behavior/assistive technology consultant at a Texas education service center before leaving to start her own business in 1999.

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