

Is the Behavior Intervention Plan Working?

The Team must develop a second evaluation procedure to evaluate changes in the behavior itself. Initial or baseline information sets the standard to judge changes in student behavior which occur. Evaluating the effects of the intervention will provide data the team will use to decide about future changes in the intervention plan. The Team must continue to collect data on changes in both the inappropriate behavior and the replacement behavior. From that data the IEP team can more accurately evaluate the overall effectiveness of the intervention plan.

Fidelity of implementation refers to the extent to which an intervention is delivered in the way it was intended to be delivered (Lane, Bocian, MacMillan, & Gresham, 2006). It is very important for the IEP Team to monitor the accuracy and the consistency of the implementation of the intervention plan. Without these checks, the Team will not be able to determine whether issues that may arise stem from a flawed intervention versus a potentially effective intervention that was poorly implemented (Virginia Department of Education, 2009). In order to monitor implementation, the team must put in writing the various components of the intervention plan, along with the individuals responsible for its implementation. Then, the Team can develop a checklist of the steps necessary to effectively implement each intervention for each person responsible for implementing the plan (Lane et al., 2006). The checklist should be completed every several days.

A child is more likely to experience success if the Team develops a strategy to monitor the implementation of the plan for both how effectively it is working and to hold the implementers accountable. The Virginia Department of Education has developed guidance documents for school divisions to encourage the use of appropriate integrity checks. If you believe your child's school division is not following your child's BIP, you have a right to engage the dispute resolution process. You may request mediation, file a complaint or file for due process. You will find each of these processes discussed in more detail in this dLCV online resource.