

Managing Incidents of Challenging Behaviour

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Times	Registration 9.00am – 9.30am	Course 9.30am – 4.30pm
Venues	Autism NI	
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Cost	Parents/Carers £40	Professionals £110
	Member of Autism NI (parents and carers)	£25

Level 3 Course Specialist Knowledge

Introduction

The emphasis of this course is on getting right all of the practical aspects of staff technique – developing 'everyday good practice'.

Target Audience

All staff working with students/clients who experience severe learning disabilities.

Objectives

- To assist staff to recognize and operate a proper ordering of priorities when dealing with incidents of challenging behaviour.
- To help staff to understand the principles of working effectively through avoidance of confrontation and practical steps toward working in this way.
- To improve staff members' awareness of their total communication abilities – body and facial language, use of proximity, personal space and touch.
- To teach the basic principles of defusing an aroused person.
- To introduce and teach strategies concerned with effective minimum intervention during the build-up to an incident.
- To teach skills and understanding connected with containing an incident once it has commenced and minimizing its impact.
- To help staff with personal preparation for dealing with difficult incidents.
- To develop staff awareness of environmental and personal factors in the production of difficult behaviour and the relationship between factors.
- To help staff understand how knowledge of factors in the production of behaviour assists with planning long term work with an individual which is aimed at the person developing and moving toward so that incidents of challenging behaviour are less numerous or significant.