

Where Do You Think You're Going? The Analysis and Treatment of Wandering and Elopement in School Settings

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About the Presenter

Merrill Winston, Ph.D., BCBA-D, has worked in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis for over 35 years. He has worked in large residential facilities, group homes, private homes, schools, and secured facilities. He has conducted crisis management trainings and has given presentations for audiences both nationally and internationally and is a popular speaker at conferences. Dr. Winston specializes in the analysis and treatment of severe problem behavior and is also the nation's foremost expert witness regarding the inappropriate/dangerous/deadly use of restraint. He also serves as negotiator between schools and parents to help avoid due process. Dr. Winston currently is the founder of Winston Behavioral Solutions and currently provides custom presentations, behavioral consultations, risk-reduction, post-certification mentoring and expert witness services.

Training Description

Target Audience: (Mental/Behavioral health therapists/providers, Educators, Clinicians, and Professionals)

There are many problems that arise in educational settings. General classroom management problems, behavior problems, curriculum problems and acquisition problems to name just a few. One major problem in classrooms everywhere is that students are not occupying the space they're supposed to occupy! This category of problems is a symptom of other related problems that have not been addressed. The presentation will provide an in-depth look at elopement (out of room/setting), wandering (aimlessly within room/setting, not engaging), out of area (staying in place, but the student is not where they should be), and out of seat problems. The presentation will also provide areas to focus on to alleviate these problems, based on the most likely maintaining variables and/or skill deficits.

Training Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Describe the most important differences between elopement, wandering and out of area behavior
- Describe one quick method to reduce TAFT (Time Away from Task)
- Explain the difference between local and distant rates of reinforcement and how this may affect elopement, wandering and out of area problems.

Date:

December 1 – 31, 2023

Registration begins: December 1, 2022

Location:

Online, pre-recorded, 60-minute webinar

Registration Deadline:

December 31, 2022

Limited to first 500 participants

Register [here](#)

Registration is mandatory. Once registered, you will receive a link to view the presentation online.

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