# Partnership for Effective Programs for Students with Autism

# Professional Development



# **Cracking the Behavior Code:**

A Book Study for Educators on *The Behavior Code* by Jessica Minahan, M.Ed., BCBA

Presented by: Crystal Grey-Hewett, Audra Burch & Tisha Melton Hosted by: FSU CARD

## **About the Presenter**

Facilitators: Crystal Grey-Hewett, Audra Burch and Tisha Melton

Crystal Grey-Hewett is an FSU CARD consultant trained as a social worker, who has worked with people on the spectrum, their families, and professionals for over 14 years. Audra Burch is an FSU CARD consultant trained as a speech-language pathologist who has guided individuals with challenging behaviors, including those with autism, for 18 years. Tisha Melton is a BCBA and before coming to FSU CARD as a consultant, worked as an educator and behavior analyst, serving students with challenging behaviors within the public schools.

#### **About the Author**

Jessica Minahan is a licensed and board-certified behavior analyst (BCBA), author, special educator, and international school consultant. Since 2000 she has worked with students who struggle with mental health issues and challenging behavior in public school systems. She specializes in training staff and creating behavior intervention plans for students with explosive and unsafe behavior. In The Behavior Code, she reveals a systematic approach for deciphering causes and patterns of challenging behaviors and how to match them with proven strategies for getting students back on track so they can learn effectively.

# **Training Description**

Target Audience: (teachers, admin, paraprofessionals, related service providers)

This 6-week training series will provide educators with a forum to read *The Behavior Code*, learn about strategies to help with challenging behavior and discuss ways to apply the concepts in their own classrooms. Topics include author Jessica Minahan's FAIR Plan system, anxiety-related behavior, oppositional behavior, and withdrawn behavior.

# **Training Objectives**

Participants will be able to:

- Understand and apply the FAIR Plan system.
- Identify patterns and causes of challenging behavior.
- Match appropriate strategies to the type of challenging behavior exhibited.
- Apply concepts and strategies from *The Behavior Code* to their own classrooms.

#### **Dates:**

Monday Evenings April 3, - May 8, 2023 4:30 – 5:30 pm EST / 3:30 – 4:30 pm CST

#### **Location:**

Online via Zoom

# **Registration Deadline:**

April 3, 2023 Limited to first 250 participants\*

## **Register Here**

Registration is mandatory.

\*The first 50 educators to register & participate from the FSU CARD (18-county) region will receive a FREE ebook of The Behavior Code if you have not received one previously.

To preview & order the book, click: Here

Credit: Each session is worth 1 contact hour. A certificate of attendance will be provided for anyone who attends at least 48 of the 60 minutes.

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