



## VERBAL BEHAVIOR OVERVIEW

- ANALYSIS OF VERBAL BEHAVIOR, IMPLICATIONS FOR ASSESSMENT & INTERVENTION
- USING THE VB MAPP: VERBAL BEHAVIOR MILESTONES ASSESSMENT AND PLACEMENT PROGRAM



**PRESENTED BY:**  
Michael Miklos, MS, BCBA

**DATE:**  
Sunday, April 26, 2020

**TIME:**  
8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

**LOCATION:**  
Challenge Early Intervention Center  
649 39th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11232

**ATTN STATEN ISLAND & NEW JERSEY RESIDENTS; TOLL BRIDGE REFUND WITH RECEIPT**

**FREE** Round Trip Van or Organized Carpool Options may be available on request.

### INTENDED AUDIENCE:

- Special education teachers
- Behavior analysts
- Speech pathologists
- Occupational therapists
- Social Workers
- Psychologists
- ABA Providers and all related professionals working with toddlers and preschoolers with Autism

### CEUs:

- ◆ Certificates of attendance for 6.0 hours will be provided to all attendees after workshop completion.
- ◆ Course provides 6.0 NBCOT PDUs, 0.6 ASHA CEUs, 7 Type 2 BCBA/BCABC CEUs, 6.0 NYS ED CEUs for Social Workers.
- ◆ Course provides 6.0 Professional Development Hours for NYS Early Intervention Providers.

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Hofstra University, Department of Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. See course information for number of ASHA CEUs, instructional level and content area. ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.





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### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An operant analysis of language provides an empirical approach to managing the contingencies that lead to effective communication skills for young children. B.F. Skinner in his book *Verbal Behavior* (1957) describes several basic verbal operants including the mand, tact, echoic, and intraverbal. While these basic operants occur primarily in interactions that involve complex, multiply-controlled responding, the analysis provides a powerful analytic tool for guiding practical interventions relative to the development of pragmatic language skills. This training will provide an overview of both the basic verbal operants and their relation to the early acquisition of communicative competencies. Included will be a discussion of the structure of intervention that includes sensitivity to environment-behavior relations to foster language development. A review of assessment issues, including a discussion of the structure, components and administration considerations for the Verbal Behavior Milestones Assessment and Placement Program (VB-MAPP) will be included to assist early intervention practitioners in formulating effective language interventions. Emphasis will be on developing skill sets for learners during the infant through five-year age range. Methods of Instruction: Lecture, Powerpoint, handouts, videos, question and answer.

### ABOUT OUR PRESENTER:

Mike Miklos, MS, BCBA, is a behavior analyst and Pennsylvania certified school psychologist employed as an educational consultant for the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN). His responsibilities have included training staff, developing systems for data-driven decisions, completing functional behavior assessments, program review, and consultant training. He continues to provide site-based training and consultation related to autism support services and special education. His work has included an emphasis on the application of an analysis of verbal behavior to interventions for individuals with autism. In collaboration with a team of educational and behavioral specialists, he has developed and delivered competency based trainings to thousands of participants from Pennsylvania, across the United States, and internationally. Currently, Mr. Miklos serves as statewide lead consultant for the PaTTAN Autism Initiative and coordinates efforts for the PaTTAN Autism Initiative ABA Supports and the National Autism Conference. He has made presenta-

tions and provided competency-based trainings regarding educational interventions, behavior analysis, and autism across the United States, in Beijing, China; Warsaw, Poland; Naples, Italy; Prague, Czech Republic; and Bratislava and Kosice, Slovakia. In his role as Lead Consultant for the PaTTAN Autism Initiative, he has led a team in developing a series of training videos and resources that are accessed across the United States and worldwide.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

*Learners will:*

1. Develop verbal skills for stating the basic verbal operants as iterated by B.F. Skinner. This would include ability to identify controlling antecedent and consequence relations.
2. Identify the components of effective training programs to promote the acquisition of verbal skills in infants and young children.
3. Identify the structure and scoring procedures for the VB-MAPP.
4. Analyze performance patterns for various levels of proficiency relative to the verbal operants and discuss implications for program planning.

### WORKSHOP REGISTRATION:

- Register online at [Challenge-ei.com](http://Challenge-ei.com)
- Payment must be received to confirm registration
- For assistance call 718-851-3300 ext 155
- Registration fees include workshop, handout materials breakfast and lunch
- All food is kosher, under supervision of Rabbi Babad

Individual: ..... \$230  
 Group of 2: ..... \$210/person  
 Group of 5+: ..... \$199/person

CHALLENGE AFFILIATED THERAPISTS may register at a special rate of..... \$189.00  
*(Must be currently working with children through Challenge or have done so in the past 3 years.)*

### CANCELLATION POLICY:

Tuition will be refunded less a \$25.00 processing fee, if written notification is received by Challenge up to two prior to the seminar. Two weeks to 72 hours prior to seminar date 50% refund; 72 hours or less no refund.



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