

## WHY BSPs FAIL: CHECKLIST FOR TROUBLESHOOTING UNSATISFACTORY PROGRESS

Yes	No	
		Is the behavior stated in specific, observable, and measurable terms? If no, restate the behavior using these terms.
		Does the behavior need to be measured differently? If yes, consider adding measures of intensity and/or duration or selecting a different method of data collection (e.g. interval coding).
		Has the correct function of the behavior been identified? If no, revise the functional assessment.
		Is the intervention plan being implemented consistently? If no, remove the barriers that interfere with consistent implementation or develop strategies that can be implemented effectively.
		Can all staff demonstrate competency to implement the plan? If no, train staff or change the staff schedule to include staff who can competently implement the plan.
		Is the individual still engaging in undesirable behavior that gives sensory stimulation? If yes, examine and address the individual's sensory needs.
		Is the individual communicating effectively? If no, provide communication strategies which the individual can access and use in all settings.
		Are cues and conditions in the environment structured in a way that triggers desired behaviors? If no, include antecedent control strategies in the intervention plan.
		Are reinforcers used consistently, and do they actually increase the behaviors they follow? If no, develop an effective menu of reinforcers and use them consistently.
		Is the individual showing signs of increased agitation and anxiety since the implementation of the intervention? If yes, re-examine the demands being placed on the individual, making sure expectations are clear, and not too high or too low. Make sure the intervention strategies are logical and meaningful to the person. Re-examine the interventions being used, making sure they not harsh, unpredictable, illogical, or too difficult to implement.
		Has the plan been implemented long enough for the person to consistently connect the desirable behaviors with the reward contingencies on numerous occasions? If no, allow more time and opportunities for the person to experience the rewards that reinforce desired behavior.