Welcome to Our Classroom

**Elementary School Setting of 650 Students**

**CaseLoad of 9 Students Identified on the Autism Spectrum**

**Staff Support of 6 Paraprofessionals Classroom Teacher and SLP Push In Model**

**After Three Years with Pattan Initiative Considered a Model Site**

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**VB MAPP Assessment**

Targets determined

IEP goals developed

Completed twice per year

Year end re-assessment of VB-MAPP show continuous progress and areas to target
Reinforcement is a principle of Applied Behavior Analysis used to increase the likelihood that a behavior will occur.

Reinforcement Assessment completed for each student

Appropriate behaviors and responses are reinforced throughout the day in all settings.

Differential Reinforcement

Individual Variable Rate of Reinforcement
INTENSIVE TEACHING SESSION

IT session is a discrete trial format used to provide intensive instruction with many opportunities for responding

At least 5 / 15 minute sessions per day

Essential to establish instructional control

Key aspects of an IT session include:

- Use of positive reinforcement: immediate delivery
- Mixing and varying tasks
- Errorless teaching: two sec. time delay prompts
- Fast paced instruction: intersperse easy/hard tasks
- Extinction of off task behaviors

Video of Intensive Teaching Session
MAND TRAINING

Objective: To teach the student to request a desired item by using approximations, signs, PECS, gestures words etc.

Use reinforcing item or activity (centered around student motivation)

Preferred item or activity then serves as the reinforcement for the desired behavior of making a request to gain access to the reinforcer.

At least 3-5 sessions conducted daily by all staff

Parent input, teacher/staff observation and collaboration determine possible items used for manding

Mand Session Video
STAFF COLLABORATION

- Paraprofessional trainings
- Weekly Team Meetings
- Equal Responsibility for all staff
- Fidelity Checks
- Open communication and collaboration between staff/parents/guardians

COMMUNICATION LOG

Insert sample communication log
CLOSING

“If they can’t learn the way we teach, we teach the way they learn.”
—Dr. O. Ivar Lovaas of the Lovaas Institute