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De-Escalating & Managing the Cycle of Acting-Out Behavior in the Classroom

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Ci3T | Comprehensive, Integrated, Three-Tiered Model of Prevention



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Agenda

- Comprehensive, Integrated, Three-Tiered (Ci3T) Model of Prevention
- A respectful approach to preventing and responding to challenging behavior
- A look at acting-out behavior: Timing is everything!
- Managing acting-out behavior: Seven phases
- Pathways to success: Defusing various behaviors
- Tier 3: Building an individualized de-escalation support plan
- Wrapping up: Resources



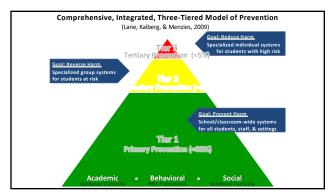
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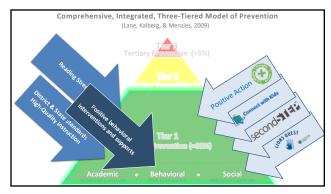
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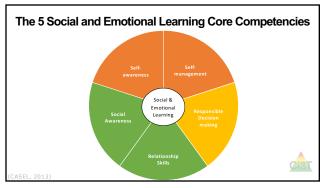
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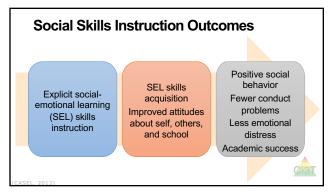
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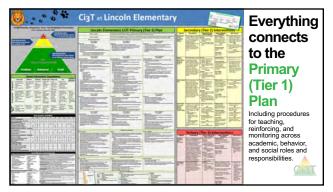
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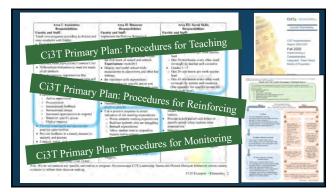




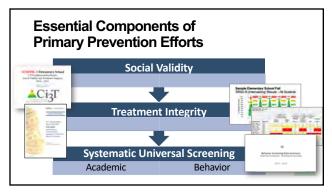
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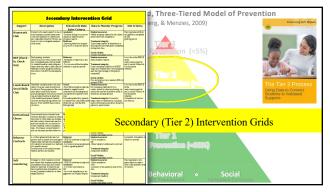
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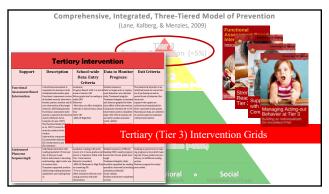
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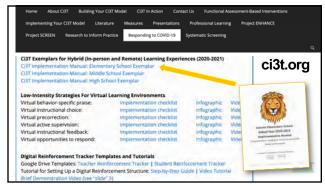


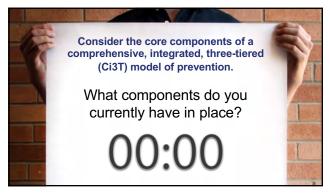




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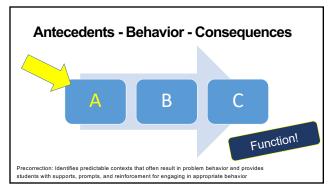


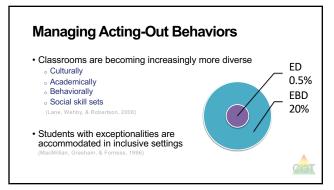




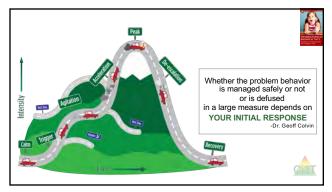
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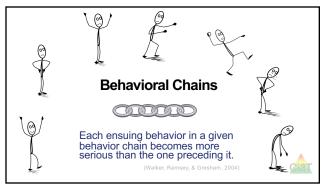
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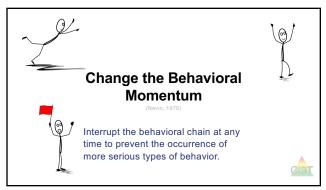




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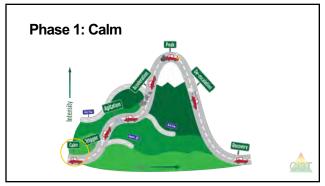




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Stages of the Acting-Out Cycle Colvin (1992) • Calm • Triggers • Agitation • Acceleration • Peak • De-escalation • Recovery





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Phase 1: Calm

Overall behavior is cooperative, compliant, and desirable

- Academically engaged
- Follows rules & expectations
- · Responsive to praise and feedback
- · Initiates interactions
- · Goal-directed behaviors

Strategies:

Intervention is focused on proactive strategies. Focus on instruction and positive behavior support.

• Implement the schoolwide Ci3T plan

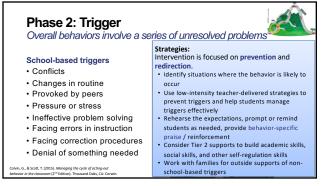
- Vary instructional delivery
 Provide high rates of behavior-specific praise
- Implement low-intensity teacher-delivered strategies (e.g., precorrection, instructional choice, active supervision, OTR)

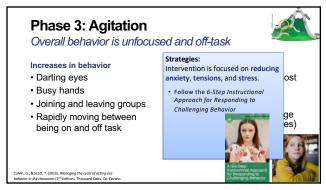
 Carefully plan instruction with integrated lesson planning and differentiation
- Re-teach expectations
- Implement clear routines and procedures
 Attend to the physical environment





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What are common triggers and signs of agitation in your context? Discuss / share successes with your neighbors • What works to prevent triggers? • What works to prevent triggers?

Phase 4: Acceleration



Overall behavior is teacher-engaging

- Compliance with accompanying inappropriate behaviors (e.g., writing bad words on worksheets)
- Criterion problems (getting starting, marking "IDK" on all items)
- Argumentative
- Non-compliant and defiant
- Un-engaged
- Provoking peers and/or teachers
- Minor destruction of property

Colvin, G., & Scott, T. (2015). Managing the cycle of acting-out behavior in the classroom (2nd Edition). Thousand Oaks, CA: Con

- Strategies:
 Intervention is focused on safety.

 Eliminate triggers

 Approach the student in a non-threatening

- Prompt and walk away
 Acknowledge compliance and desired b
 Maintain calmness, respect, and
- detachment

 Utilize non-confrontational limit-setting

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Phase 5: Peak



- · Physical aggression
- Hyperventilating
- Running away (elopement)
- Self-injurious behavior
- · Major destruction of property
- Severe tantrums



- Strategies: Focus on safety
- Remain calm
- Implement your school's safety plan
- Room clear: evacuate remaining students, call designated person to help
- Learn from it (e.g., FBA, BIP, mental health
- Prevent unintentionally reinforcing peak behavior (what is reinforcing the student?)

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Phase 6: De-Escalation



- · Confusion, disorientation
- · Denial of what just happened
- · Blaming others
- Eager to make amends
- Responsive to directions
- · Responsive to manipulative or
- · Social withdrawal Avoidance of discussion
- Avoidance of debriefing

Strategies:

Intervention is focused on monitoring for reescalation of behavior and helping the

- student reengage in a constructive manner.

 Allow cool-down time and space away from
- other students but not punitive
 Engage student in an independent task they can easily accomplish (e.g., simple worksheet, concrete task)
- Monitor for health / safety of all involved



Phase 7: Recovery Overall behavior shows eagemess to move past the incident • Seeks independent work or activity • Reluctant to interact • Subdued behavior • Defensiveness and avoidance of discussing what happened Strategies: Intervention focuses on returning to normal activities. • Positively reinforce displays of appropriate behavior • Later, debrief/rehearse problem solving routine

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Pathways to Success

Understanding educator-student interactions



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Four Key Strategies

- Take an instructional approach to behavior schoolwide
- 2. Intervene early in the acting-out cycle
- 3. Learn strategies to intervene at each stage in the acting-out cycle
- 4. Be respectful at all times



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Defusing Off-Task Behavior

Assess the situation: determine "can't do" or "won't do"

- $_{\circ}$ Is it an emergency situation? If so, follow crisis procedures. If not, follow off-task defusing steps.
- 1. Maintain the flow of instruction
- 2. Recognize on-task students, making no response to off-task students
- 3. Show empathy
- Redirect (focus on task, brief language/gestures, prompt procedures for asking for help)
- 5. Give time and space
- 6. Acknowledge compliance

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Defusing Non-Compliance and Limit Testing

- Provide one clear direction
 - "Alright everyone, return to your desks, get out your book and paper, and begin work." Kawika does not comply.
 "Hey Kāwika, time to return to your desk."
 "But I can't sit at my desk because I don't have A, B, C and I need to..."

 - b "I'd be happy to help you with all those things as soon as you are your desk."
- Be neutral but direct and stay with the direction
- · All student requests are contingent on compliance with first step
- · Follow-up with student quietly
- · Continue to acknowledge other on-task students
- Acknowledge cooperation or implement consequence in a neutral



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Defusing Disrespectful Behavior

- Indicate in a neutral manner the action was disrespectful and continue with instruction
 - "That's what we call disrespectful, let's talk about it later."
 - "I don't see how that was disrespectful!"
 - "Which is why we should discuss it after everyone masters these 2-step equations by using \ldots "
- · Do not allow disrespectful behavior to escalate your emotions or interrupt the lesson
- Personal and genuine apologies are sometimes effective for peer disrespect (e.g., restorative practice)
- If student refuses to comply, follow through with bottom line consequence



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Defusing Disruptive Behavior

- Recognize and respond quickly to student agitation
- Redirect
 - $_{\circ}$ Clearly state the expected task first step: focus on behaviors taught
- · Communicate concern privately
 - Present options not an ultimatum
 - Allow student space and time do not hover Assist student to begin task: remind to use appropriate behavior
- · Attend to other students and prepare for the worst
- Acknowledge compliance or institute standard consequence in neutral manner



Defusing Provocative Behaviors

- Privately identify the behavior as a problem for the student, not you
 - o "Hey, I personally don't mind that shirt, but it pretty clearly violates dress code expectations. Here are options for how to fix it, but it's up to you, you know the consequences."

 • "But my mom bought this for me!"

 - $_{\circ}$ "All the more reason I'd hate for you to lose it, so which of those options..."
- Don't argue, don't show shock or offense it's simply a violation of expectations and you are there to help
- Acknowledge cooperation
- If student refuses to comply with a solution, follow through with bottom line consequence
 - o Delivered in a matter-of-fact manner as a choice the student made



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Defusing Aggressive Behavior

- Recognize conditions under which conflict is likely and attempt to avoid by using
 - Assigned seatsIndependent activities
- o Space, options, preferred activities
- Relaxation activities
- Teacher proximity stay between as long as there is no physicality
- Verbal altercation = verbal intervention

 - Provide specific and concrete directions
 Redirect / distract get attention away from altercation
 Separate as much as possible without placing hands on students
- Physical altercation = initiate crisis procedures
 - Call office or send runner
 - Provide clear, loud, and concrete directions to both students Clear other students away to keep safe

 - Wait for assistance



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Discuss

...and make plans!

With your neighbors

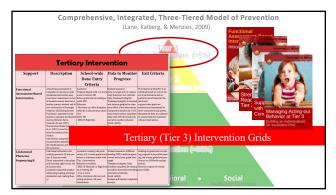
· What is your biggest "Aha!" moment or greatest takeaway from the keys to addressing various types of behavior?

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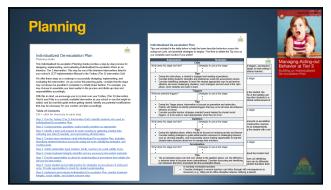
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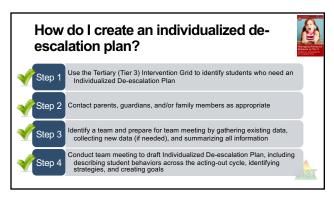


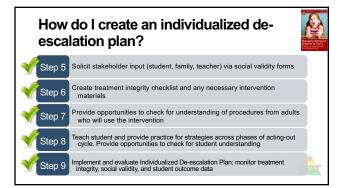
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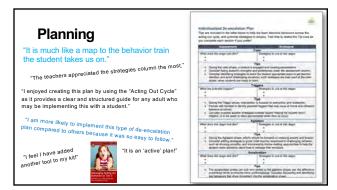






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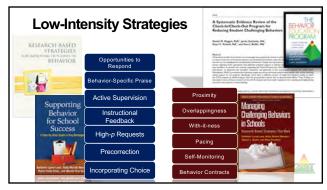
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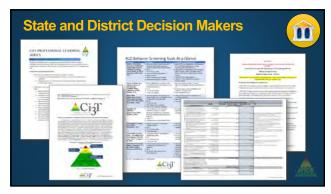
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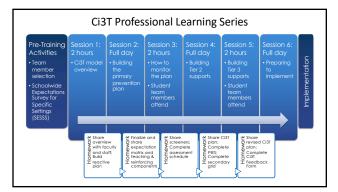




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