

An Overview of Intellectual Developmental Disabilities and Positive Behavioral Supports

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Description

Our presentation will cover two broad areas: 1) Understanding Intellectual and Adaptive Functioning; and 2) Learning about Positive Behavior Supports (PBS). In the first section, we will describe IQ along the bell curve, discuss what comprises IQ and adaptive functioning, address the elements of DDS eligibility, and provide an overview of autism spectrum disorder. In the second section, we will discuss the terms, concepts and strategies of PBS, speak about the functions that challenging behaviors might serve, as well feature information on systems obstacles to implementation, data collection, and crisis interventions.