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# Functions of Behavior

Four Primary Functions for Behavior:

Attention

Escape

Tangible

Sensory

# Determining Functions of Behavior

How to determine function and purpose of behavior:

1. Interview (ecological events interview)
2. Direct Observation (motivation assessment scale)
3. Functional Analysis
4. Functional Hypothesis

# Functions of Behavior

- Escape: from person, task, environment, etc.
- Tangible: desire for a specific item or activity
- Attention: desire for attention from peers, adults.
- Sensory: the behavior feels good or meets a sensory need.

# Why Behavior Occurs

## **Attention**

Behaviors usually occurs when specific individuals are present.

Peer Attention: may be all the time

Person Specific **not** Event or Location Specific

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# Why Behavior Occurs

## Escape

Behavior usually occurs in response to specific person, event or requests to perform activity.

(Example)

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# Why Behavior Occurs

## Tangible

Behavior often occurs when something has been denied or taken away -- it is not person or event specific.

(Give Example)

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# Why Behavior Occurs

## **Sensory**

Behaviors occur anytime, anywhere.

Not person, event or location specific.

May occur more often when under stress.