

Adult Autism Waiver (AAW)

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES CHEAT SHEET

All Providers

Goal Phrase:

Initiating conversation
(soc/comm)

- Brief, but specific description of the goal
- Assign one goal category: ADLs, Employment/Education, Social/Communication, Behavior (after the goal phrase)

Goal Statement:

John will start one conversation with the owner (using rehearsed conversation starters)

- This is the same as the behavior component of the objective
- Is realistic to achieve in one year

Objective:

When John sees the store owner walk into the bookstore, John will start one conversation with the owner (using rehearsed conversation starters) with less than 3 prompts, 3 out of 5 opportunities for 12 consecutive weeks

- Contains a full condition, behavior, and criteria

Condition:

When John sees the store owner walk into the bookstore...

- Environment / situation where the participant is to perform the behavior or skill
- Focus on the natural situation where the individual will be performing the behavior or skill
- Describes the natural cue that triggers the skill/behavior, when applicable

Behavior:

...John will start one conversation with the owner (using rehearsed conversation starters)...

- Described in clear, measurable terms
- Matches the goal statement

Criteria:

...with less than 3 prompts, 3 out of 5 opportunities for 12 consecutive weeks

- Expectation of mastery
- Clearly defined by how much and for how long

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