

## 2020-2021 Professional Development Series

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### **Function Based Problem-Solving; Practical Strategies to Address Behavior in the Classroom**

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#### Session Description

In this one-hour webinar, Gretchen Scheibel discusses Functional Behavior Assessments (FBA) and how to incorporate Function-based problem solving using the FBA framework. The FBA framework includes evaluating the reason for problem behavior and helps to identify the skills the student needs to succeed. This webinar will provide a problem-solving framework for addressing minor or low-level challenging behaviors based on the FBA process. This process is ideal for teachers who need to quickly address small challenging behaviors when a formal FBA process isn't necessary or as a preliminary step before an FBA is completed. Teachers will learn how to describe a behavior, investigate what causes it, and create a plan to address it.

#### Speaker Bio

Gretchen Scheibel is doctoral student at the University of Kansas researching how to make evidence-based practices easier for educators in any classroom to implement. Gretchen also provides consultation in Maine and beyond to design educational programs based on the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports framework and evidence-based practice. Dually certified as a Behavior Analyst and an occupational therapist, she possesses a unique understanding of special education and the necessary support to promote student success. Her expertise focuses on using an evidence-based approach to promoting positive behavior and improving functional performance in the education environment.

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