## **Behavioral Strategies**

Managing Students at the EACC

### Why negative behavior?

- Adult attention
- Escape or avoidance
- Power or control
- Peer attention and affiliation
- Justice or revenge

#### Relationships

• First step in reducing negative behavior

- Instructor/Student, Student/Student, Whole Group
- Get to know you activity-large group or individually
  - Snowball fight
  - Scavenger hunt
  - Find someone
  - Index cards
- Daily greeting
- Personal interest

# Scavenger Hunt

"Scaven	er Hun		answe whose new pe	rs	s fron answe rson f	n your co er it is. (I for every	o-wor if pos blank	
A Great Restau	ırant is	)	by			ovie is		A song that Fires me up
by		ti	ney serve his dish food) in heaven		One	of the b		
A Great Vacation Spot is by					 by			by
A good actor or actress is		by_			by	A TV Show		I like
My hobby or past time is		by	I don't like to					A Great erican is (was)
The best "read" I ever had wa			One of the even	Junk food I				
Something I cook well is	One of the best things I do is		I couldn't live without my by					by
I would like to learn to			A quality I like in my friends is			If I had at least one week off and a little money set to the side I would		
by	by	_		_		by		

#### Find Someone

#### Find Someone Who...



**Directions:** Hand out the following questionnaire (below) Tell the students that they are on a hunt... what they have to do is find someone who fits the category where each person fits. They should strongly avoid using the same person more than once.

Find someone who:	
Name:	is wearing the same color as you.
Name:	has an older brother or sister at home.
Name:	is wearing jewelry.
Name:	is going out for pizza this Friday.
Name:	is incredible with video games
Name:	has visited another state.
Name:	has a pet.
Name:	is great on a skateboard
Name:	can play a musical instrument
Name:	has a birthday the same month as you.
Name:	loves Chinese food
Name:	is the oldest in his or her family.
Name:	can sing well
Name:	saw the same movie as you recently.
Name:	has seen every Jurassic Park movie
Name:	has read a Harry Potter book.
Name:	has met someone famous
	plays a musical instrument.
Name;	can swim a half a mile
Name:	has ridden on a fire truck
Name:	has camped out for at least a week
Name:	loves hot dogs with chili on them
Name:	loves yogurt

### Behavior Management Reminders

- Avoid comments that encompass the whole class
- Be specific; avoid generalities (always, never)
- Address the behavior, not the person
- Be consistent
- Breathe
- Have clearly defined procedures, practice

### Keys for Effective Re-direction

- Proximity and quiet re-direction-allows student to save face
- Clearly stated expectation, not a lecture on behavior
- Talk less
- Take a break

#### Intervention for Active Non-Compliance

- Actively refuses to follow directions
  - Praise positive behavior
  - Use <u>pre-compliance</u>-engage student in something they want to do and then work towards less desirable task
  - Ask for student input
  - Determine if behavior is learned helplessness-provide support and fade away

#### Intervention for Classroom Disruptions

- Give positive attention as much as possible
- Teach group expectations
- Class jobs
- Visual cue-word, object, or physical movement
- Arrange time for student to get attention

#### Interventions for Verbal Outbursts

- "Hold that thought and write it down"
- Call on student when hand raised
- Call on another student with raised hand and reinforce behavior
- Create communication tickets

### Limit-Setting

- 1. Targets one specific behavior
- 2. Communicate the specific behavior that will not be tolerated
- 3. Describe consequences of failure to comply
- 4. Verbalize your inability to control their behavior, but these are steps you must take
- 5. Check for understanding
- 6. Be consistent!!!!