

Reducing Anxiety in the Classroom

Including Best Practices for Students with Mental Health Disabilities

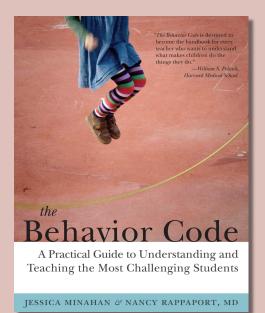
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Workshop Highlights

In Sacramento County, students of all ages are struggling with anxiety. Without intervention, these children are at risk for poor performance, diminished learning, and social/behavior problems in school.

Understanding the role anxiety plays in a student's behavior is crucial, and using preventive strategies are key to successful intervention. Effective behavior plans for these students must avoid the reward and punishment-based consequences from traditional behavior plans and focus instead on the use of preventive strategies and on explicitly teaching coping skills, self-monitoring, and alternative responses.

Through the use of case studies, humorous stories, and examples of common challenging situations, participants will learn easy-to-implement preventive tools, strategies, and interventions for reducing anxiety and increasing self-regulation, work engagement, and self-monitoring.



Audience

Administrators, teachers, counselors, hearing and placement officers any educators who want to increase their ability to manage behavior!

Register at <u>scoe.gosignmeup.com</u> (Type "3512" in the Search box.)

Date and Time March 27, 2017 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location

Sacramento County Office of Education Mather Room 10474 Mather Boulevard, Mather, CA 95655

Cost

\$125 per person (includes continental breakfast and lunch)

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About the Presenter _

Jessica Minahan, M.Ed., BCBA, is a licensed and board certified behavior analyst and special educator, as well as a consultant to schools nationwide (www.jessicaminahan.com). Jessica has over seventeen years of experience supporting students who exhibit challenging behavior in urban public school systems. She is a blogger on The Huffington Post, as well as co-author of *The Behavior Code: A Practical Guide to Understanding and Teaching the Most Challenging Students*, with Nancy Rappaport (Harvard Education Press, 2012), and author of *The Behavior Code Companion: Strategies, Tools, and Interventions for Supporting Students with Anxiety-Related or Oppositional Behaviors* (Harvard Education Press, 2014).